## THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

(Wednesday, February 21, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Speaker Fuller in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Lange. Lanier. Bagby. Baker. Beard of Harris. Beard of Milam. Lee. Lindemann: Lowe Beasley. of McMullen. Beason. Low Bedell. of Washington. Bell. McComb. Bertram. Blackburn. McCoy. Blackmon. McDowra. McFarland. McMillin. Blalock. Bland. Bledsoe. Meador. Boner. Mendell. Metcalfe. Brown. Miller of Austin. Bryan. Bryant. Miller of Dallas. Monday. Burton of Rusk. Burton of Tarrant. Moore. Morris. Butler. Cadenhead. Murrell. Neeley. Canales. Carlock. Neill. Nichols. Cates: Clark. Nordhaus. O'Brien. Cope. Osborne. Cox. Parks. Crudgington. Peddy. Davis of Dallas. Davis of Grimes. Peyton. Davis Pillow. of Van Zandt. Poage. De Bogory. Pope. Raiden. Denton. Dodd. Reeves. Dudley. Richards. Dunnam. Roemer! Rogers. Fairchild. Russell. Sackett. Fisher. Florer. Sallas. Fly. Sentell. Schlesinger. Greenwood. Haidusek. Schlosshan. Hardey. Scholl. Harris. Seawright.

Sholars.

Spradley.

Strayhorn.

Stewart.

Swope. .

Smith of Bastrop. Smith of Hopkins.

Smith of Scurry.

Spencer of Wise.

Spencer of Nolan.

Hartman.

Hawkins.

Hudspeth.

Johnson.

Jones.

Laas. Lacey.

Laney.

Hill. Holland.

Taylor. Tschoepe. Templeton. Upchurch. Terrell. Valentine. Thomas. Veatch. Thomason Walker. of El Paso. White. Thomason Williams of Nacogdoches. of Brazoria. Thompson Williams of Hunt. of McLennan. Williford. Thompson of Red River. Wilson. Tillotson. Woods. Tilson. Woodul. Trayler: Yantis.

Absent.

O'Banion.

Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Martin. Robertson. Tinner. Wahrmund.

A quorum was announced present. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. White for last Monday, on motion of Mr. Scholl.

Mr. Martin for yesterday, today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Fisher. Mr. Pillow for yesterday, on motion

of Mr. Beason.

Mr. Upchurch for today, on motion of Mr. Blalock.

Mr. Fitzpatrick for today, on motion of Mr. Tschoepe.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of sickness:

Mr. Wahrmund for the balance of this week, on motion of Mr. Nordhaus.

Mr. Robertson for today, on motion

of Mr. Bland. Mr. O'Banion for today, on motion of

Mr. Blalock.

## HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Mendell:

H. B. No. 720, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5118, Title 75, Chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, of 1911, so as to exempt from jury service all persons employed as mail

carriers on rural free delivery routes, established under and by virtue of the United States postal laws, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Terrell, Mr. Cadenhead, Mr. Clark, Mr. Lee and Mr. Smith of Hopkins:

H. B. No. 721, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7883, Chapter 1, Title 133, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, prescribing standard weights and measures, prescribing the weight of peanuts in addition to the weights of other products already defined by law, and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

By Mr. Terrell, Mr. Bedell and Mr. Burton of Rusk:

H. B. No. 722, A bill to be entitled "Ar. Act to amend Article 4342, Chapter 2, Title 65, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas (1911), relating to deficiencies, providing that no deficiency shall be approved by the Governor or -warrant issued by the Comptroller for more than ten per cent of the appropriation made by the Legislature for such purpose or for such particular item in the appropriation bill, and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Appropria-

tions.

By Mr. Beason:

H. B. No. 723, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define and construe an act approved March 16, 1907, being Chapter 26 of the Special Laws of the Thirtieth Legislature, and amendments thereto by an act approved September 1, 1910, being Chapter 1 of Special Laws of Fourth Session of Thirty-first Legislature, 1910, authorizing the county of Galveston to build and construct a causeway and to issue bonds therefor; defining and construing the intention of said acts to be that an issue of bonds and levy of said tax by said county for such purpose can be made whenever said causeway needs reconstruction in whole or in part or needs repairs; declaring the object and intent being to provide the State of Texas at all times with suitable access to the port of Galveston; and the further purpose of this act being to validate an issue to be made of \$600,000 of bonds, a second issue for construction of causeway lost in storm of August, 1915, that sissue of bonds being under the terms and the qualifications, manner of appoint-

provisions of said act as amended, so as to authorize the issue of said bonds in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of this State, including Article 3, Section 52; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads,

Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. McCoy:

H. B. No. 724, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for bail pending ap-peal in habeas corpus cases."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Wilson:

H. B. No. 725, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 14 of the Stephens county road law as enacted by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, increasing the pay of each county commissioner from two to three dollars a day, or to an amount not exceeding one hundred and thirty-five dollars per quarter when acting as road commissioner, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads,

Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Neill:

H. B. No. 726, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower commissioners courts to purchase poisons and other accessories for the purpose of destroying prairie dogs, rabbits, rats, covotes, wolves, wild cats, gophers, ground squirrels, English sparrows and ravens; giving the commissioners court the authority to sell at cost or give such poisons to all persons residing in the county, to be used for such purpose, and providing procedure for the distribution and use of such poisons, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and

By Mr. Fitzpatrick (by request):

H. B. No. 727, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Governor to appoint special railroad police at the request of steam or electric railroad corporations and receivers thereof, and defining their powers and duties.'

Referred to Committee on Common

By Mr. Russell and Mr. Miller of Dal-

H. B. No. 728, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4539, Chapter 1, Title 66, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, prescribing ment, and fixing compensation of county health officer."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Beard of Harris:

H. B. No. 720, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the election of the chief of police in cities of over fifty thousand inhabitants according to the last United States census, providing for time of holding office, requiring a bond to be given, and declaring an emergency." Referred to Committee on Municipal

Corporations.

By Mr. Schlosshan:

H. B. No. 730, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 56 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, being an act to amend Chapter 34 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, being an act to amend Chapter 80 of the Special Laws passed by the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas, approved April 15, 1907, and to amend Chapter 71 of the Special Laws passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, approved March 17, 1909, and to create a more efficient road law for Lee county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. McDowra:

H. B. No. 731, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1120 of the Revised Criminal Statutes, fixing the fees of district attorney in districts composed of two or more counties.'

Referred to Committee on Judicial

Districts.

By Mr. Spencer of Wise:

H. B. No. 732, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of \$1799.66 for the purpose of supplementing existing appropriations and the payment of the salaries of certain employes, etc., in the Department of Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds for the months of February to August, 1917, both inclusive, fixing the salaries for such time and for the purpose of paying one-half the expense of certain paving, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropria-

tions.

By Mr. Hardey, Mr. McFarland, Mr. Referred to Comm. Spradley, Mr. Spencer of Nolan, Mr. Bridges and Ferries.

Clark, Mr. Miller of Dallas and Mr. Dunnam:

H. B. No. 733, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the purpose of encouraging and improving the breeding and developing of highly bred live stock and in furtherance of such purposes of encouraging and concerning the holding of fairs for the exhibition thereof, and of agricultural, mineral and mechanical products, and for the appointment of a commission for the regulation of speed contests and speculation thereon and to provide for the payment of certain revenue derived therefrom towards the establishment of a breeding bureau and the operation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Stock and

Stock Raising.

By Mr. Lee:

H. B. No. 734, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 6 of the Special Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, 1915, being an act entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Wood county, etc.,' and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads,

Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Blackmon:

H. B. No. 735, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1, Chapter 67, Special Laws of Texas, Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, Regular Session, entitled 'An Act creating the Hamlin Independent School District in Jones county, Texas, etc.,' and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Peyton:

H. B. No. 736, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require all drivers and operators of automobiles and all other motor vehicles to come to a full stop within 150 feet of every railroad crossing, and providing that failure to do so shall be a misdemeanor, and providing a penalty therefor."

Referred to Committee on Roads,

Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Peyton:

H. B. No. 737, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 18 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, by the adding of Article 641a, providing that road districts may erect toll bridges in the same manner as counties."

Referred to Committee on Roads,

By Mr. Stewart:

H. B. No. 738, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Remlig Common County Line Independent School District known as Remlig Common County Line School District No. 3, Jasper county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emer-

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Thomason of El Paso:

H. B. No. 739, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the appointment by the county judge of guardians of the estates of persons incapable, from any cause, of properly managing their estates, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in

Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Beard of Milam:

H. B. No. 740, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 71, Special Acts of 1915, Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas, creating a special road system for Milam county, etc., and declaring an emergency."
Referred to Committee on Roads,

Bridges and Ferries.

## SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 268, to the Committee on Education.

S. B. No. 317, to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

S. B. No. 234, to the Committee on

S. B. No. 359, to the Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

## BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Blalock, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 360 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Clark, it was ordered that House bills Nos. 599 and 7.00 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Templeton, it was ordered that House bill No. 639 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, it was ordered that House bill No. 693 be not

On motion of Mr. Stewart it was ordered that House bill No. 718 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Roemer, it was ordered that House bill No. 708 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Blackmon, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 268 be not

On motion of Mr. DeBogory, it was ordered that House bill No. 705 be not

printed.

On motion of Mr. Haidusek, it was ordered that House bill No. 630 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Holland, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 317 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Hudspeth, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 216 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Pope, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 330 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Florer, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 349 be not

On motion of Mr. Metcalfe, it was or-dered that Senate bill No. 284 be not printed.

## BILL ORDERED PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Woods, it was ordered that House bill No. 695, reported unfavorably, be printed.

## RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILLS BY THE SENATE.

Mr. Carlock offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Rule 22 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House is as follows: "In the Senate on Wednesday and Thursday of each week only House bills on their third and second readings, respectively, shall be taken up and considered until disposed of, and in case one should, be pending at adjournment it shall go over to the succeeding day (Friday) as unfinished business; and this rule can not be suspended without the consent of the House"; and

Whereas, A similar rule applicable to Senate bills is in force in the House; and

Whereas, The House has heretofore, in good faith, lived up to the said joint rule, and did on last Wednesday, the 14th of February, devote the entire day to the consideration of Senate bills, considering and acting upon ten bills of a general character, besides local bills, and did on the following day, towit, Thursday, February 15th, devote practically the entire day to the consideration of Senate bills, passing upon nine bills of a general character, and during said day seven of the Senate bills were passed finally; and .:

Whereas, The Senate on said dates devoted its time to the consideration of

resolutions of its own and other matters and failed to consider any of the numerous and important bills from the House now pending before the said body for action, but devoted only about one hour to the consideration of a minor bill sent over from the House, towit, the "mooching" bill, thus depriving the House of the benefit of the consideration of its bills by the Senate for two days of last week;

Whereas, There are now pending on the Senate calendar many important House bills that are entitled to be given the right of prior consideration under the joint rules of the Senate and House for Wednesday and Thursday of each week, and the session is now far spent and only fourteen more working days remain of the general session; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives most respectfully calls the attention of the Senate to the above facts, and most respectfully requests them to give to the consideration of the House bills the entire time provided for their consideration by the joint rules, and in addition the time that should have been given to their consideration on Wednesday and Thursday, the 14th and 15th of February, but which time was by the Senate devoted to the consideration of other and extraneous matters; further

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House appoint a committee of five, of which the Speaker shall be chairman, to present a copy of these resolutions to the Senate and to bring the same to their immediate consideration.

Signed-Carlock, Holland, Williford, Pillow, White, Crudgington, Burton of Tarrant, Nordhaus, Schlesinger, Fair-child, Nichols, Thomason, Wilson, Beard of Harris, Laney, Yantis, Miller of Dallas.

The resolution was read second time. Mr. Tillotson offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the resolution by striking out the provision for four members of the House to act with the Speaker.

The amendment was adopted: Mr. Metcalfe moved to refer the reso-

lution to the Committee on Rules, On motion of Mr. Beard of Harris, the motion to refer was tabled.

Mr. Williams of McLennan offered the following substitute for the resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker take such steps with the President of the Senate as in his opinion will expedite the business pending before the Legislature.

the substitute, and the motion to table was lost.

The substitute was adopted.

The resolution as substituted was then adopted.

## PROVIDING VISITING COM-MITTEES.

Mr. Peyton offered the following resolution:

Whereas, It is necessary for the proper consideration of the various items included in the different budgets of the State eleemosynary institutions to have sub-committees to visit these institutions to investigate their needs; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House, That the Speaker be authorized to appoint committees of three members each, to visit these institutions, and that their actual necessary expenses be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

The resolution was read second time

and was adopted.

Mr. Nordhaus moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted and to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed.

## PROVIDING FOR PRINTING LEGIS. LATIVE MANUAL.

Mr. Thomas offered the following res-

H. C. R. No. 18, Providing for com-piling and printing Legislative Manual of the Thirty-fifth Legislature.

Resolved by the House, the Senate concurring, That there be printed for the use of the House and Senate 350 copies of the Texas Legislative Manual of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, which shall contain the Constitution of Texas, the Rules of the Senate, the Rules of the House, and the Joint Rules of the Senate and House, all of which shall be properly indexed, with such annotations as are necessary; a list of the standing committee of the two houses, the names of the Senators and Representatives and their respective districts. It shall also contain the names of the officers of the House and Senate and of the representatives of the press in attendance.

The Committee on Rules of the House, acting with the Senate Committee on Rules, is hereby authorized and instructed to have copies bound and printed, as follows:

Two hundred copies to be bound in flexible morocco covers at a cost not toexceed fifty cents per copy above the Mr. Beard of Harris moved to table cost of the same books in flexible cloth,

according to the specifications of the

contract with the public printer.
Provided further, that the name of each member and officer of the House and Senate be embossed upon the back of one copy of said Manual; said copy to be the property of the member or officer whose name is upon said copy. Three-fourths of such copies shall be for the use of the House and one-fourth for the use of the Senate, and they shall be paid for out of the contingent funds of the two houses in said proportion; provided, that the public printer shall not be paid for composition but one time.

The said bound volumes to be in the hands of the members of the Legislature within thirty days from the passage of

this resolution.

Provided further, that there shall be 100 extra paper bound copies printed and turned over to the Secretary of State, for the use in the Legislature hereafter, and fifty copies to be delivered to the State Librarian for exchange with other State libraries; that the members of the press working as such in the Thirty-fifth Legislature be provided with a copy of said Manual by the Secretary of State.

Signed — Thomas, Bell, Upchured Thomason of El Paso, Lindeman O'Brien, Spencer of Wise, Templeton. Bell, Upcan, Lindemann,

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

## SENATE BILL NO. 54 ON FINAL PASSAGE.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, on its final passage, S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Eighty-first Judicial District in the State of Texas, said district to be composed of the counties of Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Carson; to fix the jurisdiction of said district court in said district and the terms of court in said several counties in said district, and providing for a judge thereof and a district attorney; reorganizing the Thirty-first, Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Judicial Districts of Texas; fixing a time of holding court in the Thirty-first, Forty-sixth and Fortyseventh Judicial Districts; to provide that all cases now on the dockets of counties of the district courts of Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Carson counties be transferred to the dockets of the Eighty-first Judicial District created by this act; to provide that the district clerks and sheriffs elected in the counties of Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Dudley.

Carson and their successors in office be alike the officers of each of said district courts of said county; providing for the return of all process and validation of the same issued or to be issued by the courts of the Thirty-first, Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Districts in the counties of Hall, Armstrong and Carson be returnable to the district court of the Eighty-first Judicial District; to provide for the appointment of the judge of said Eighty-first Judicial District and for the appointment of the district attorney for said Eighty-first Judicial District, and fixing their compensation, and declaring an emergency.

The bill having been rend third time

on last Thursday, February 15th. On motion of Mr. Cope, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

## SENATE BILL NO. 148 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 148, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an emergency appropriation to pay additional teachers during the remainder of the regular session of the North Texas State Normal College, and to supply an omission in the appropriation for the summer session of 1917."

The bill was read third time.

(Mr. Blalock in the chair.)

Mr. Bertram offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 148, in Section 1, by striking out all of said section after the word "session" in line 30.

The amendment was lost.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-64.

Beard of Harris. Beard of Milam. Bell. Blackmon. Blalock. Boner. Bryant. Burton of Tarrant. Laney. Butler. Carlock. Clark. Cope. Crudgington. Davis of Dallas. Davis of Grimes. Dodd.

Estes. Florer. Fly. Greenwood. Hudspeth. Johnson. Jones. Lange. McMillin. Mendell. Metcalfe. Miller of Austin. Miller of Dallas. Monday. Morris. Neeley.

Nichols. Terrell. Nordhaus. Thomas. Thomason O'Brien. of El Paso. Parks. Thompson Peddy. of Hunt. Peyton. Poage. Upchurch. Rogers. Valentine. Sackett. White. Williams Sentell. of Brazoria. Schlesinger. Smith of Hopkins. Smith of Scurry. Williams' of McLennan. Wilson. Spencer of Wise. Spradley. Woods. Taylor. Woodul. Templeton. Yantis.

## Nays-51.

Bagby. of Washington. Baker. Beasley. McComb. McCoy. Beason. Bedell. McDowra. Moore. Bertram. Blackburn. Murrell. Brown. Neill. Bryan. Pillow. Burton of Rusk. Raiden. Cadenhead. Reeves. Russell. Cox. Davis Sallas. of Van Zandt. Schlosshan. Dunnam. Seawright. Fairchild. Smith of Bastrop. Haidusek. Stewart. Strayhorn. Thompson of Red River. Hardey. Harris. Hartman. Tillotson. Hill. Laas. Tilson. Lacey. Trayler. Tschoepe. Lanier. Veatch. Lindemann. Walker. Lowe Williford. of McMullen.

#### Absent.

O'Banion. Bland. Bledsoe. Osborne. . Canales. Pope. Richards. Cates. De Bogory. Roemer. Denton. Scholl. Fisher. Sholars. Hawkins. Spencer of Nolan. Holland. Swope. McFarland. Thomason Meador. of Nacogdoches.

## Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Tinner. Martin. Wahrmund. Robertson.

Mr. Butler moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider. . The motion to table prevailed.

## SENATE BILL NO. 251 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 251, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Live Oak county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-109.

Lindemann. Baker. Lowe Beard of Harris. of McMullen. Beard of Milam. Beasley. of Washington. McComb. . Beason. Bell. McCoy. Bertram. McDowra. McMillin. Blackburn. Blackmon. Mendell. Blalock. Metcalfe. Miller of Austin. Bledsoe. Miller of Dallas. Boner. Brown. Monday. Bryan. Moore. Morris. Bryant. Burton of Rusk. Murrell. Burton of Tarrant. Neeley. Butler. Neill. Cadenhead. Nichols. Canales. Nordhaus. Clark. O'Brien. Cope. Osborne. Cox. Parks. Crudgington. Peddy. Davis of Dallas. Poage. Davis of Grimes. Raiden. Davis Reeves. of Van Zandt Roemer. Dodd. Russell. Sackett. Dudley. Dunnam. Sallas. Estes. Sentell. Fairchild. Schlesinger. Florer. Schlosshan. Seawright. Smith of Bastrop. Smith of Hopkins. Fly. Greenwood. Haidusek. Smith of Scurry. Hardey. Spencer of Wise. Harris. Spradley. Laas. Stewart. Lacey. Strayhorn. Laney. Swope. Taylor. Lange. Lanier. Templeton. Lee:

Veatch. Terrell. Walker. Thomas. Thomason White. of El Paso. Williams -Thompson of Brazoria. Williams of Hunt. Thompson of McLennan. Williford. of Red River. Tillotson. Wilson. Trayler. Woods. Woodul. Tschoepe. Upchurch. Yantis. Valentine.

## Present-Not Voting.

Carlock. Denton. Johnson.

Jones. Pillow. Tilson.

#### Absent.

Bedell. Meador. Bland. O'Banion. Cates. Peyton. . De Bogory. Pope. Fisher. Richards. Hartman. Rogers. Hawkins. Scholl. Hill. Sholars. Holland. Spencer of Nolan. Hudspeth. Thomason McFarland. of Nacogdoches.

## Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Martin. Robertson.

Tinner. Wahrmund.

Mr. Russell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 349 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 349, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Eighteenth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to reorganize the Twenty-ninth Ju-dicial District of the State of Texas, and to provide that Somervell county shall be taken from the Twenty-ninth Judicial District and transferred to the Eighteenth Judicial District of the State of Texas; and to prescribe the time for the holding of the courts in said dis-tricts, and to make all process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds returnable to the terms of court in the several counties and districts as herein fixed, to validate such process, recognizances and bonds, and to validate the Monday.

summoning of grand and petit jurors, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time. The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

## Yeas-109.

Bagby. Moore. Baker. Morris. Beard of Harris. Murrell. Beard of Milam. Neeley. Beasley. Neill. Nichols. Bertram. Blackburn. Nordhaus. Blackmon. O'Brien. Blalock. Osborne. Bledsoe. Parks. Boner. Peddy. Brown. Peyton. Pillow. . Bryan. Burton of Rusk. Poage. Pope. Butler. Cadenhead. Raiden. Canales. Reeves. Roemer. Carlock. Cates. Rogers. Clark. Russell. Sackett. Cope. Sallas. Cox. Davis of Dallas. Sentell. Davis of Grimes. Schlesinger. Schlosshan. Davis of Van Zandt. Sholars. Smith of Bastrop. De Bogory. Dodd. Smith of Scurry. Dudley. Spencer of Wise. Estes. Spradley. Fairchild. Stewart. Strayhorn. Taylor. Fisher. Fly. Templeton. Greenwood. Haidusek. Terrell. Thomason Hardey. Harris. . of El Paso. Thomason Hartman. of Nacogdoches. Hill. Thompson Hudspeth. of Hunt. Johnson. Thompson Jones. of Red River. Laas. Tillotson. Lacey. Tilson. Lanier. Trayler. Lee. Tschoepe. Lindemann. Upchurch. Lowe of McMullen. Valentine. Veatch. McComb. Walker. McCov. White. McMillin. Williams Mendell.

of Brazoria.

of McLennan.

Williams

Metcalfe.

Miller of Dallas.

Williford. Wilson.

Woodul. Yantis.

Woods.

Nays-3.

Dunnam. McDowra. Smith of Hopkins.

Absent.

Beason. Bedell. Bell. Bland.

Low of Washington. McFarland. Meador. Miller of Austin.

Bryant. Burton of Tarrant. O'Banion. Crudgington. Denton. Florer.

Richards. Scholl. Seawright.

Hawkins. Holland. Laney. Lange.

Spencer of Nolan. Swope.

Thomas.

Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Martin. Robertson.

Tinner. .. Wahrmund.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Baker moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed.

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House,

on its second reading,

S. J. R. No. 12, Proposing to amend Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto at the end thereof another section to be known as Section 59, declaring the conservation and preservation of all the natural resources of the State of Texas are public rights and duties; providing for the creation of conservation districts; declaring such districts bodies politic and corporate; defining the authority of such districts, and conferring upon the Legislature authority to pass laws with reference thereto; declaring that the Legislature shall have authority generally to legislate for the purpose of conserving the natural resources of the State; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment; making certain provisions for said election and the bal-lots thereof and the method thereof; directing the issuance of the proclamation therefor; prescribing certain duties of the Governor of the State, and making an appropriation to defray the expenses of said election.

The resolution was read second time. Mr. Williford offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend Senate Joint Resolution No. 12 by adding at the end of line 32 the following: "Provided, the Legislature shall not authorize the issuance of any bonds or provide for any indebtedness against any reclamation district, unless such proposition shall first be submitted to the qualified property tax paying voters of such district and the proposition adopted."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Williford moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Baker offered the following

amendment to the resolution:

Amend Senate Joint Resolution No. 12 by striking out of Section 2 the words "third Tuesday in August, 1917, the same being the 21st day of August, 1917," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1918."

The amendment was lost.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

## Yeas-122.

Bagby. Beard of Harris. Beard of Milam. Beasley. Bedell. Bell. Bertram. Blackburn. Blackmon. Blalock. Bland. Boner. Brown. Bryan. Burton of Rusk. Burton of Tarrant. Butler. Cadenhead. Canales. Carlock. Cates. Clark. Cope. Cox. Crudgington. Davis of Dallas. Davis of Grimes. Davis of Van Zandt. De Bogory. Denton. Dodd.

Dudley. Dunnam. Estes. Fairchild. Fisher. Florer. Fly. Greenwood. Haidusek. Hardey. Harris. Hartman. Hawkins. Hill. Holland. Hudspeth. Johnson. Laas. Lange. Lanier. Tiee: Lindemann. Low

of Washington. McComb. McCoy. McDowra. McFarland. McMillin. Mendell: Metcalfe.

Miller of Austin.

Miller of Dallas. Spradley. Monday. Strayhorn. Moore. Swope. Morris. Taylor. Murrell. Templeton. Neeley. Terrell. Neill. Thomas. Nichols. Thomason Nordhaus. of El Paso. O'Brien. Thomason Osborne. of Nacogdoches. Parks. Thompson Peddy. of Hunt. Thompson Peyton. Pillow. of Red River. Tillotson. Poage. Tilson. Pope. Trayler. Reeves. Roemer. Tschoepe. Upchurch. Rogers. Russell. Valentine. Sackett. Veatch. Sallas. Walker. Sentell. White. Schlesinger. Williams Schlosshan. of Brazoria. Scholl. Williams Seawright. of McLennan. Sholars. Williford. Smith of Bastrop. Wilson. Smith of Scurry. Woods. Spencer of Nolan. Spencer of Wise. Woodul.

#### Nays-4.

Yantis.

Baker. Lacey. Smith of Hopkins. Stewart.

## Absent.

Beason. Bledsoe. Bryant. Jones. Laney.

Lowe of McMullen. Meador. O'Banion. Raiden. Richards.

#### Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Martin. Robertson.

Tinner. Wahrmund.

Mr. Tillotson moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was passed and to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed.

#### RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Bland, the House, at 12 o'clock m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

SENATE BILL NO. 63 ON SECOND . READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third

reading,
S. B. No. 63, A bill to be entitled
"An Act prohibiting the employment of children under fifteen years of age to labor in certain occupations, prohibiting the employment of children under seventeen years of age to labor in certain occupations," etc.

The bill was read second time. Mr. Burton of Tarrant offered the

following amendment to the bill:
Amend Senate bill No. 63, page 2, line 3, by inserting after the word "workshop" the words "mercantile establishment."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Burton of Tarrant offered the

following amendment to the bill:
Amend Senate bill No. 63, page 2,
line 4, by inserting after the word
"amusement" the words "newspaper office, hotel or rooming house."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Woods offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 63 by striking out the following words: "agency," line 4, page 2; "office," line 4, page 2; "public or private work," line 5, page 2; "or other place," line 5, page 2.

Mr. Nordhaus moved to table the amendment and the motion to table management.

amendment, and the motion to table was

lost.

Mr. Walker moved the previous question on the amendment and the passage of the bill to a third reading, and the motion was not seconded.

The amendment offered by Mr. Woods was adopted.

Mr. Fairchild offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 63 by striking out in Section 4, page 3, all of said section after the word "imprisonment" in line 11.

Mr. McDowra moved to table the amendment, and the motion to table was

Question recurring on the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

#### Yeas-8.

Blackburn. Blackmon. Burton of Rusk. Canales.

Fairchild. Lee. Mendell. O'Brien.

Nays-106.

Baker.

Beard of Harris.

Beard of Milam.	Neill.	Smith of Bastrop. Yantis.
Beasley.	Nordhaus.	Woodul.
Beason.	O'Banion.	. Absent—Excused.
Bedell.	Osborne.	Fitzpatrick. Sackett.
Bell.	Parks.	Hardey. Sentell.
Bertram.	Peddy.	Hawkins. Seawright.
Bland.	Peyton.	Lanier. Seawright.
Boner.	Pillow.	Martin. Wahrmund.
Brown.	Poage.	Robertson.
Bryan.	Pope.	
Burton of Tarrant.		Mr. McCoy offered the following amendment to the bill:
Butler.	Reeves.	amendment to the bill:
Cadenhead.	Richards.	Amend Senate bill No. 63, page 2
Carlock.	Roemer.	line 10, after the words "sixty days"
Cope.	Rogers.	"for each offense."
Cox.	Russell.	Mr. Burton of Tarrant moved the pre
Crudgington.	Sallas.	vious question on the amendment and
Davis of Dallas.		the passage of the bill to a third read
Davis of Grimes.	Schlosshan.	ing, and the motion was duly seconded
Davis	Scholl.	The House refused to order the main
of Van Zandt.	Sholars.	question at this time.
De Bogory.	Smith of Hopkins.	Question recurring on the amendment
Dodd.	Smith of Scurry.	it was lost.
Dudley.	Spencer of Nolan.	Mr. Tillotson offered the following
Dunnam.	Spencer of Wise.	amendment to the bill:
Estes.	Spradley.	Amend Senate bill No. 63, page 3
Fisher.	Stewart.	line 20, by adding after the word
Florer.	Strayhorn.	"sought" the following: "or for any
Fly.	Swope.	other sufficient reason."
Greenwood.	Taylor.	Signed-Tillotson, Bryan.
Haidusek.	Terrell. Thomas.	are a second and a second a second and a second a second and a second a second and a second and a second a second a second
Harris. Hill.	Thomason	The amendment was adopted.
Holland.	of El Paso.	Mr. Dudley offered the following
	Thomason	amendment to the bill:
Johnson.	of Nacogdoches.	Amend Senate bill No. 63 by striking
Jones.	Thompson .	out the enacting clause.
Laas.	of Hunt.	Yeas and nays were demanded, and
Lacey.	Thompson	the amendment was lost by the follow
Laney.	of Red River.	ing vote:
Lindemann.	Tillotson.	Yeas-42.
Lowe	Tilson.	Baker. Low
of McMullen.	Trayler.	Beard of Milam. of Washington.
Low	Tschoepe.	Bedell. McComb.
of Washington.	Upchurch.	Bell. McDowra.
McComb.	Valentine.	Bertram. McMillin.
McCoy.	Veatch.	Blackburn. Miller of Austin.
McDowra.	Walker.	Blackmon. Moore.
McFarland.	White.	Bland. Morris.
McMillin.	Williams	Brown. O'Brien.
Meador.	of Brazoria.	Burton of Rusk. Peyton.
Metcalfe.	Williams	Cadenhead. Poage.
Miller of Austin.	of McLennan.	Canales. Richards.
Miller of Dallas.	Williford.	Dudley. Roemer.
Morris.	Wilson.	Dunnam. Sallas.
Murrell.	Woods.	Fairchild. Scholl.
Neeley.		Greenwood. Spencer of Wise.
	Not Voting	Haidusek. Stewart.
Present—Not Voting.		Harris. Strayhorn.
Templeton.	7 Y	Lee. Thomas.
Ab	sent.	Lindemann. Upchurch.
Bagby.	Denton.	Lowe Veatch.
Blalock.	Hartman.	of McMullen. White.
Bledsoe.	Lange.	COUNTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PART
	Mange.	Nays-73.
Bryant	Monday	
Bryant. Cates.	Monday. Moore.	Beard of Harris. Beason.

Nichols. Boner. Bryan. Nordhaus. Burton of Tarrant. Osborne. Butler. Parks. Carlock. Peddy. Pillow. Cope. Raiden. Cox. Crudgington. Reeves. Davis of Dallas. Rogers. Davis of Grimes. Russell. Davis Schlesinger. Schlosshan. of Van Zandt. De Bogory. Sholars. Smith of Hopkins. Denton. Dodd. Smith of Scurry. Spencer of Nolan. Estes. Fisher. Spradley. Florer. Swope. Taylor .. Fly. Hill. Terrell. Holland. Thomason of El Paso. Hudspeth. Thompson Johnson. of Hunt. Jones. Thompson Laas. of Red River. Lacey. Laney. Tillotson. Tilson. Lange. McCoy. Trayler. Tschoepe. McFarland. Meador. Valentine. Mendell. Walker. Metcalfe. Williams Miller of Dallas. of McLennan. Murrell. Williford. Wilson. Neeley. Neill. Woods.

Present-Not Voting.

## Templeton.

## Absent.

Bagby.
Bledsoe.
Bryant.
Cates.
Clark.
Hartman.
Monday.
Pope.
Smith of Bastrop.
Thomason
of Nacogdoches.
Williams
of Brazoria.
Woodul.
Yantis.

#### Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Robertson.
Hardey. Sackett.
Hawkins. Sentell.
Lanier. Seawright.
Martin. Tinner.
O'Banion. Wahrmund.

Mr. McDowra offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 63 by striking out Section 1.

Mr. Canales offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend Senate bill No. 63, page 2,

lines 3 and 4, by striking out the words "telegraph office, messenger service, theater, moving picture show or other place of amusement."

(Mr. Spradley in the chair.)

Question first recurring on the substitute, it was lost.

The amendment was lost. (Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Peyton offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 63, page 2, line 3, by striking out these words: "telegraph office, messenger service"; in line 4 strike out these words: "moving picture show."

Mr. Burton of Tarrant moved the previous question on the amendment and the passage of the bill to a third reading and the main question was ordered.

Mr. Cope raised a point of order on further consideration of the amendment on the ground that the House has defeated an amendment containing the same substance.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Question recurring on the amendment by Mr. Peyton, it was adopted.

Senate bill No. 63 was then passed to a third reading.

Mr. Burton of Tarrant moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 499 ON ENGROSS-MENT.

On motion of Mr. Mendell, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 499, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 5, 6, 8, 9 and 29 of Chapter 106, General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, so that hereafter said sections of Chapter 106 shall provide in substance for fixing the salaries of the members of the State Fire Insurance Commission; to limit the expenditure of said Commission in any one year to the sum produced by an assessment of one and one-fourth per cent of the gross premiums of all fire insurance companies doing business in this State; prescribing certain duties and powers of the State Fire Insurance Commission and the members thereof with respect to the fixing and promulgating of rates of

premium, investigation of fires, and correction of fire hazards, and declaring an emergency,"

The bill having been read second time

on yesterday.

The Speaker laid the bill before the House.

Mr. Mendell offered the following amendments to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 499, Section 6, page 3, of the printed bill, by striking out, beginning with the word "credited" in line 15, down to the end of line 19, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Of one hundred and thirty thousand (\$130,000) dollars."

(2)

Amend House bill No. 499 by striking out all of Section 29 and insert in lieu

thereof the following:

"Sec. 29. That there shall be assessed and collected by the State of Texas an additional one and one-fourth (1 1-4) per cent of the gross fire insurance premiums of all fire insurance companies doing business in this State, according to the reports made to the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking as required by law; and said taxes when collected shall be placed in a separate fund with the State Treasurer to be expended during the current year in carrying out the provisions of this act; provided that such expenditures, including the salaries of the members of the Commission, shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of one hundred and thirty thousand (\$130,000) dollars per annum; and should there be an unexpended balance at the end of any year, the State Fire Insurance Commission shall reduce the assessment for the succeeding year so that the amount produced and paid into the State Treasury, together with said unexpended balance in the Treasury, will not exceed the amount appropriated for the current year, to pay all necessary expenses of maintaining the Commission, which funds shall be paid out upon requisition made out and filed by a majority of the Commission, when the Comptroller shall issue warrants therefor."

(3)

Amend the caption of House bill No. 499, page 1 of the printed bill, by striking out, beginning with the word "produced," in line 36, and ending with the

"Produced by an assessment of one and one-fourth (1 1-4) per cent on the gross premiums of all fire insurance companies doing business in this State," and insert in lieu thereof "of one hundred and thirty thousand (\$130,000) dollars."

The amendments were adopted.

House bill No. 499 was then passed

to engrossment.

Mr. Cope moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to en-grossment and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 64 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 64, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1162 of Chapter 3, Title 25, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, conferring on corporations the power to borrow money, the purpose of the amendment being to permit corporations to borrow in excess of the amount of their authorized capital stock, and to declare an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Williford offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 64, line 2, page 1, by inserting after the word "corporation" the following: "not exceeding the amount of its paid in capital stock."

Mr. Fairchild moved the previous question on the amendment and the passage of the bill to a third reading, and the motion was not seconded.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Tillotson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 64 by adding at the end of Section 1 the following: "to the reasonable market value of the assets of such corporation."

Mr. Woods offered the following sub-

stitute for the amendment:

Substitute for amendment to Senate bill No. 64 by adding at end of Section l, after the word "corporation," the following: "Provided, that the indebtedness created in accordance with this article shall be authorized by affirmative action of its board of directors, and no such indebtedness in excess of its authorized capital stock shall be incurred until same has been authorized and approved by its stockholders at a regular meeting or at a meeting called for that purpose; and also provided that no such word "State" in line 38, the following: indebtedness shall be incurred in excess

of the solvent assets of the corporation, inclusive of the solvent assets that may ·be added through the instrumentality of such increased indebtedness."

Question first recurring on the substitute, it was lost.

Question next recurring amendment, it was lost.

Senate bill No. 64 was then passed

to a third reading.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 64 was passed to a third reading and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 81 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a

third reading,

S. B. No. 81, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 5982 and 5988 of Title 96 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to navigation districts, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

Mr. O'Brien moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

## SENATE BILL NO. 149 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a

third reading,

S. B. No. 149, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 177 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas relating to county libraries."
The bill was read second time and

was passed to a taird reading.

Mr. Carlock moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 216 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 216, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Seventy-sixth and Seventh Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, so as to declare what

dicial District and the Seventh Judicial District; to fix the time of holding court in the various counties of said districts; to make the process issued to be served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds re-turnable to the courts as herein fixed, and continuing in office judges and district attorneys in each of said districts; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

Mr. Dodd moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 225 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a

third reading,
S. B. No. 225, A bill to be entitled
"An Act creating the Georgetown Independent School District in the county of Williamson, State of Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Bland, offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 225 by inserting in Section 1 thereof, line 16, after the words "Pulsifer survey" and before the words "for the N. W. corner hereof" the "at five thousand following words: (5,000) varas the N. W. corner of said Jos. B. Pulsifer survey."

The amendment was adopted.

Senate bill No. 225 was then passed to

third reading.

Mr. Bland moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 238 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 238, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize cities, towns and villages, incorporated under and by virtue of any act of the Congress of the Republic of Texas, general or special, to accept the provisions of Chapters I to 13, counties compose the Seventy-sixth Ju- both inclusive, of Title 22, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and amendments of 1911, 1913 and 1915 thereto, upon a two-thirds vote of the city, town or village council thereof to enlarge or diminish, alter or change and redefine the bounds and limits of such cities, towns and villages so as to make them conform to the requirements of Article 777 of the Revised Statutes, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was

passed to a third reading.

Mr. Hartman moved to reconsider the vete by which the bill was passed to a third reading, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

### SENATE BILL NO. 284 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 284, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Barnhart Independent School District, in Irion county, Texas, and defining its boundaries, and providing for the election of a board of trustees to manage and control a public free school within said district; naming the fiscal year as to taxes, investing said district with all powers, rights and duties of independent school districts formed for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was

passed to a third reading.

Mr. Dudley moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

## SENATE BILL NO. 330 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 330, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a criminal district court for the counties of Nucces, Kleberg, Willacy and Cameron, and to prescribe the jurisdiction thereof as a criminal court; and also conferring upon said court the power to try and determine divorce suits, to fix time for holding the terms thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Pope offered the following amendments to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 330 by inserting

in the first line of the caption after the word "act," the following: "to reorganize the Twenty-eighth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and."

Amend Section 6 of Senate bill No. 330 so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Section 6. The terms of said Criminal District Court shall be held in said district each year as follows:

"In the county of Nueces on the first Monday in April of each year, and may continue in session ten weeks; on the first Monday in October in each year, and may continue in session ten weeks.

"In the county of Kleberg on the tenth Monday after the first Monday in April of each year, and may continue in session four weeks; on the tenth Monday after the first Monday in October, and may continue in session four weeks.

"In the county of Willacy on the fourteenth Monday after the first Monday in April of each year, and may continue in session two weeks; on the fourteenth Monday after the first Monday in October, and may continue in session two weeks.

"In the county of Cameron on the sixteenth Monday after the first Monday in April of each year, and may continue in session nine weeks; on the sixteenth Monday after the first Monday in October, and may continue in session nine weeks.

"Provided, however, that the first terms of the first court of said Criminal Judicial District shall begin on the first Monday after the qualification of the judge appointed by virtue of this act according to the place and terms of holding said court as provided herein."

Amend Senate bill No. 330 by insert-

ing Section 6a, as follows:

"Section 6a. The Twenty-eighth Judicial District of the State of Texas shall be composed of the counties of Nueces, Kleberg, Willacy and Cameron, and the terms of the district court shall

be held therein each year as follows:
"In the county of Nueces on the first
Monday in January, and may continue
in session ten weeks; on the first Monday in July, and may continue in session ten weeks.

"In the county of Kleberg on the tenth Monday after the first Monday in January, and may continue in session four weeks; on the tenth Monday after the first Monday in July, and may continue in session four weeks.

"In the county of Willacy on the fourteenth Monday after the first Monday in January, and may continue in

session two weeks; on the fourteenth Monday after the first Monday in July, and may continue in session two weeks.

"In the county of Cameron on the sixteenth Monday after the first Monday in January, and may continue in session nine weeks; on the sixteenth Monday after the first Monday in July, and may continue in session nine weeks.

"That all process, writs and bonds issued, served or executed prior to the taking effect of this act and returnable to the terms of said court as heretofore fixed by law in the several counties composing said district are hereby made returnable to the terms of said court in the several counties as fixed by this act, and all process heretofore returnable, as well as all bonds and rec-ognizances heretofore entered into, in any of said courts, shall be valid and binding as if no change had been made by this act in the times of holding said terms of court; provided, that it any court in any county of said judicial district shall be in session at the time this act takes effect, such court shall continue in session until the term thereof shall expire or be adjourned under the provisions of existing laws. Thereafter the courts of said county or counties shall conform to the requirements of this act."

Amend Senate bill No. 330 by inserting in the fourth line of the caption after the word "causes," the following: "and causes for the collection of delinquent taxes."

Amend Senate bill No. 330 by adding after the word "cases" in the ninth line of Section 1, the following: "and suits for the collection of delinquent taxes."

Amend Senate bill No. 330 by adding after the word "counties" in the seventh line of Section 1, the following: "and try and determine all causes for the collection of delinquent taxes and the enforcement of liens for the collection of same."

Amend Senate bill No. 330 by adding after the word "counties" in the sixth line of Section 2, the following: "and shall cease to have and exercise any jurisdiction of suits for the collection of any delinquent taxes or the enforcement of liens for same."

Amend Senate bill No. 330 by adding after the word "cases" in the second line of Section 9, the following: "and tax

Amend Senate bill No. 330 by striking out the words "criminal cases" in the second line of Section 10 and inserting

cases and suits for the collection of delinquent taxes."

The amendments were severally adopted.

Senate bill No. 330 was then passed to a third -reading.

Mr. Pope moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 317 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 317, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize cities of over five thousand population to adopt or amend their charters by consolidation with an adjoining city in the same county under the name and government of the larger of said cities; authorizing the holding of joint elections by the qualified voters of said cities for the purpose of determining whether or not such consolida-tion shall take place; defining the term 'consolidation'; providing that in event a majority of the qualified voters voting at such election in each of said cities shall vote in favor of consolidation the result shall be certified to the Secretary of State, and recorded by him, and providing for the recording of returns of such elections by the officers of the respective cities, etc., and declaring an emergency."
The bill was read second time and

was passed to a third reading.

## SENATE BILL NO. 355 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 355, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring that all bonds issued under and by virtue of the Federal Farm Loan Act approved by the President of the United States July 17, 1918, shall be lawful investment for all fiduciary and trust funds and may be accepted as security for all public deposits where deposits of bonds or mortgages are authorized by law to be accepted; declaring such bonds lawful investment for all funds which may be lawfully invested by guardians, administrators, trustees and receivers for saving deposits of State banks, for banks, savings banks and trust companies chartered under the in lieu thereof the following: "divorce laws of Texas, for all insurance companies chartered or transacting business under the laws of Texas where investments are required or permitted, and providing that where such bonds are secured by notes or other obligations the payment of which is secured by mortgage, deed of trust or other valid lien upon real estate situated in this State, then that such bond or bonds shall be regarded for investment purposes by insurance companies as Texas securities, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

Mr. Mendell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

## SENATE BILL NO. 360 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 360, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Longview, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Longview and to grant it a new charter; to define its powers and to prescribe its duties and liabilities, and to declare an emergency,' as passed by the First Called Session of the Thirty-second Legislature of Texas, by amending Sections 8, 9 and 72 of the charter of the city of Longview by adding thereto Section 9a, pro-viding for the appointment of a city treasurer, fixing his salary and prescribing his powers and duties and fixing his ferm of office, and declaring an emergency.

The bill was read second time and

was passed to a third reading.

Mr. Moore moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

## SENATE BILL NO. 379 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

a third reading,

S. B. No. 379, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of House bill No. 34 enacted by the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and approved by the Governor February 13, 1907, relating to the creation of a juvenile board within certain counties of this State, and prescribing the duties and powers of such | and declaring an emergency."

board, including the appointment by it of probation officers, and providing for the payment of compensation of such officers, and allowing the said district judges an additional salary to be paid out of the general revenue fund of such . county, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

Mr. Moore moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading, and to table to motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 53 ON ENGROSS-MENT.

#### (Unfinished Business.)

The Speaker laid before the House, as unfinished business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 53, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the holding of primary elections in this State; providing for the nomination by political parties of candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, electors, delegates to national conventions and national executive committeemen; providing for the nomination of candidates for United States Senator, Representatives in Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and all State, district, county and precinct officers; providing dates, places and methods for holding primary elections, and designating persons to hold the same; providing for defraying the expense of such elections; prescribing the form of ballots to be used therein, the method by which candidates may have their names printed thereon, and the order in which said names shall appear; providing regula-tions for holding said election, and prescribing the qualifications of voters therein; providing the method for counting the votes and making returns of said elections; providing for majority nominations of candidates, and the date and method for counting the votes and making returns of said election; providing for the holding of precinct, county, district and State conventions, and for declaring the results of all primary elections; providing methods for contesting nominations in primary elections; providing methods for enforcing the provisions of this act, repealing all laws in conflict herewith,

The bill having been read second time on yesterday.

Mr. Williams of Brazoria moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until 7:30 o'clock p. m. next Thursday, February 22.

The motion prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 373 ON ENGROSS-MENT.

(Postponed Business.)

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 373, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the extension by the Penitentiary Commission of the railroad now owned by the State, extending from Rusk, in Cherokee county, to Palestine, in Anderson county, to the city of Dallas, in Dallas county, and for its maintenance, equipment and operation; providing for condemning the right of way and material therefor; providing for condemnation pro-ceedings; providing for the issuance of bonds by the Penitentiary Commission in an amount sufficient for the extension of said road; providing that said Penitentiary Commission may accept donations or gifts, either in money or lands or other necessaries, for the extension of said road; providing that the rate of interest of said bonds shall be 5 per cent per annum; providing for the redemption of said bonds; providing that said bonds may be purchased at the option of the State Board of Education and State Treasurer with permanent school fund of the State of Texas; providing that the Railroad Commission of Texas shall have jurisdiction over the traffic carried on and over said road, and authorizing said Commission to compel a fair division of freight and passenger charges between said railroad and all connecting lines therewith; providing that said Penitentiary Commission shall enforce and obey the orders and regulations of the Railroad Commission; providing for working State convicts in the construction of said road, and providing that this act shall be cumulative of all other laws in force in this State, and declaring an emergency."

The bill having been read second time on Monday, February 19, and Mr. Moore at that time having offered an amendment to the bill striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of a new bill. Question-Shall the amendment be adopted?

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 373 by striking out the caption and substituting there-

for the following:

"An Act providing for the sale, lease, extension or mortgage by the Prison Commission by and with the approval and consent of the Governor of the railroad now owned by the State extending from Rusk, in Cherokee county, to Palestine, in Anderson county, and for its maintenance, equipment and operation; providing for condemning the right of way and material therefor; providing for condemnation proceedings; providing for the issuance of bonds by the Prison Commission in an amount sufficient for the extension of said road; providing that said Prison Commission with the approval and consent of the Governor may accept donations and gifts, either in money or lands, or other necessaries for the extension of said road; providing that the rate of interest of said bonds may be such as to said Prison Commission shall seem best; providing for the redemption of said bonds; providing that the Railroad Commission of Texas shall have jurisdiction over traffic to compel a fair division of freight and passenger charges between said railroad and all connecting lines therewith; providing that said Prison Commission shall enforce and obey the orders and regulations of the Railroad Commission; providing for working State convicts in the construction of said road, and providing that said Prison Commission with the approval and consent of the Governor may do any and all things with said Texas State Railroad that an individual could do if he owned it, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tillotson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Section 1. The Board of Prison Commissioners of this State are expressly authorized and directed to exercise the duties and powers with reference to the Texas State Railroad as set forth in this act. Whenever any person or persons, or any corporation organized under the laws of Texas, shall present to the said Prison

Commission satisfactory assurance of the line of the said Texas State Railroad in a westward or a northern direction to a connection with some principal business or market center of the State, and to make connection with some transportation line at its eastward terminus affording traffic facilities adequate to the requirements of the communities through which such line may pass, the Board of Prison Commissioners are authorized and directed to associate with them the requisite number of subscribers, and shall apply for and secure a charter for the Texas State Railroad Company under the terms of Chapter 1, Title 115, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas; 1911. Such charter shall authorize the Texas State Railroad Company to acquire, to own, to construct and to operate a railroad with all the rights and subject to all the obligations of corporations organized under the provisions of the statutes applicable thereto.

Sec. 2. The authorized capital stock of the Texas State Railroad Company shall, originally, be five hundred (\$500, 000) thousand dollars, divided into shares of the par value of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars each; and upon securing the charter for such railroad corporation the Prison Commission shall, by deed, convey to such corporation the Texas State Railroad, extending from Rusk in Cherokee county, Texas, to Palestine in Anderson county, Texas, together with all the rights and appurtenances thereunto belonging, in full payment for the said capital stock; and concurrently with such conveyance such corporation shall issue to members of the Board of Prison Commissioners for the use and benefit of the State in equal amount and in an aggregate amount equal to the conveyance of such corporation, and shall issue to the other subscribers to such stock so much thereof as may have been subscribed for according to the laws governing such corpora-

Sec. 3. The members of the Prison Commission shall vote the stock issued to them and conform to all laws and exercise all duties necessary to the management of such railroad 'corporation; and all stock so issued to, or held by, the members of the Prison Commis-sion may, with the advice and consent of the Governor, be sold in whole or in part to any person or persons competent to purchase the same, at such price sions of the said railroad may be made,

as may be agreed upon by said Prison, ability to make provision for extending Commissioners and the Governor and such person or persons purchasing the said stock, and under such terms as may seem advisable; provided, however, all payments for such stock shall be made not later than ten years from the. date of the sale of such railroad corporation. Any sums received by the Prison Commission in payment of capital stock of said corporation shall be applied by the said Prison Commission on the indebtedness incurred by the prison system of the State in construction and maintenance of the Texas State Railroad.

> Sec. 4. In the event an extension of such railroad, or a branch line thereof, if necessary, an amendment to such charter may be procured according to the provisions of Chapter 2, Title 115, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and such additional stock of such corporations may be sold and bonds issued by such corporation, not exceeding the limitations thereon, provided for by the stock and bond laws of the State, as may be necessary for the procurement of the necessary funds for such purposes; provided, however, that no bonds issued by or other debts or obligations of any character incurred by said corporations shall to any extent or in any manner bind the State of Texas.

> Sec. 5. Such corporation shall have all the rights, powers and privileges, including the power of eminent domain, granted to other railroad corporations by the laws of the State, and shall be subject to all of the provisions of the laws of the State governing and regulating railroad corporations.

> Sec. 6. So long as the members of the Board of Prison Commissioners may be stockholders of such corporation, as provided in this act, State prisoners, under the direct supervision of such Commissioners, may be applied in the construction of any extensions or branch line of said railroad under such contracts therefor as may be made by the Board of Prison Commissioners and such corporation or its contractors or subcontractors. Such convicts, however, shall not be employed in the operation of the handling of trains or cars upon such railroad operated for the transportation of freight or passengers for hire.

> Sec. 7. The fact that there is now no law under which desirable exten-

and no authority to sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise make disposition of the property in such manner as will secure the construction of the said railroad to some business or market center of the State, and the fact that it is necessary to the best interest of the State to vest in the Prison Commission, with the approval and consent of the Governor, authority to perform the duties provided in this act, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring the constitutional rule, which provides that bills be read on three several days, be suspended, and it is hereby suspended, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Mr. Cope raised a point of order on further consideration of the bill at this time on the ground that the time allotted for consideration of local bills under the Rules had arrived.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

#### TENDERING USE OF THE HALL.

Mr. Lange offered the following privileged resolution:

Whereas, Many of the members of the House have received requests to be heard when Senate bill No. 237, being the amendment to the Workmen's Compensation Act, comes before the Committee on Labor for its consideration; and

Whereas, This act is of great importance to the employes and employers in the State; be it.

Resolved. That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted the Committee on Labor for an open hearing on Friday, February 23, at 7:30 p. m.; and be it further

Resolved, That all members of the House be requested to be present at such hearing.

Signed-Lange, Taylor, Mendell, Fisher and Cope.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 31 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No., 31, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the county court of El Paso county for civil cases, to fix known as Section 42a, and extending the

and prescribe the jurisdiction thereof. and to conform to such change in the jurisdiction of the county court of El Paso county, fixing the salaries of the judges of the county court of El Paso county, and of the county court of El Paso county for civil cases; providing for the appointment and election of the judges of said court hereby created; providing for the appointment of special judges and filling of vacancies in said office, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and

was passed.

Mr. Thomason of El Paso moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

## BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Lange, by unanimous consent, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 34 be not printed.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 377, A bill to be entitled: "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 58 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas; creating the Hunts-ville Independent School District in Walker county, Texas, and defining its boundaries, and declaring an emer-

gency." S. B. No. 247, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, 1909, relative to the appointment of assistant district attorneys, prescribing the mode of appointment of district attorneys in districts containing a city of 39,000 population or more according to the United States census of 1910 and in which there is established no criminal district court, prescribing the qualification of such assistant district attorney, defining his duties and providing a method for his removal from office, fixing his salary, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 376, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 7, 9 and 38 and add a new section thereto to be

provisions of said act to the counties of McMullen and Atascosa, of Chapter 49 of the General Laws of the State of Texas for the year 1901, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Fayette, Uvalde and Frio counties, Texas.'"

"An Act to amend Title 86, Chapter 4, for the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, by adding after Article 5644 a new article to be entitled 5644a, providing for a lien for newspaper workers in the editorial or reportorial department of any newspaper, publication or periodical, whether it be daily or otherwise, also any solicitor, clerk or other employe in the advertising business office of any newspaper, publication or periodical, whether it be daily or otherwise, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

## APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COM-MITTEES.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following committees:

To visit Southwestern Insane Asylum, San Antonio, Texas: Messrs. Boner, Hudspeth, Seawright.

To visit Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Carlsbad, Texas: Messrs. Dodd, Terrell, Thomason of Nacogdoches.

To visit State Orphan Home, Corsicana, Texas: Messrs. Denton, Beasley, Neeley.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 443 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 443, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Chapter 6, Title 124, of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911, and to amend Chapter 72, House bill No. 827, General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, page 131, and to amend Chapter 99, House bill No. 418, General Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, page 152, with reference to the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals from running at large in the counties named, so as to include El Paso county, and declaring an emergency."

.The bill was read third time.

Mr. Blackburn offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 443 by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 1. That Article 7235, Chapter 6, Title 124, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, as amended by Chapter 72, General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, and Chapters 26 and 99 of the Generals Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, be amended so as to hereafter

read as follows:

"Article 7235. Upon the written petition of one hundred freeholders of any of the following counties: Anderson, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Baylor, Bandera, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Borden, Bosque, Brazos, Brewster, Brown, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Castro, Clay, Cherokee, Childress, Collingsworth, Coleman, Collin, Colorado, Cooke, Comanche, Concho, Crockett, Coryell, Cottle, Crosby, Cochran, Crane, Dallas, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Delta, Denton, DeWitt, Dimmit, Donley, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Ellis, Erath, El Paso, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Foard, Franklin, Fisher, Freestone, Foard, Gaines, Gregg, Guadalupe, Garza, Glasscock, Gillespie, Gonzales, Grimes, Grayson, Hale, Hamilton, Hansford, Harrison, Hays, Haskell, Hall, Hardeman, Hartley, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hood, Hopkins, Howard, Hockley, Hunt, Jack, Jackson, Jones, Jefferson, Johnson, Kaufman, Kimble, Knox, Kerr, Kendall, Kleberg, Lamar, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lamb, Lee, Limestone, Lynn, Lipscomb, Llano, Lubbock, Mason, McLennan, Matagorda, Mc-Culloch, Menard, Moore, Martin, Maverick, Medina, Midland, Milam, Mills, Mitchell, Montague, Morris, Navarro, Nacogdoches, Nolan, Nucces, Ochiltree, Palo Pinto, Parker, Pecos, Rains, Randall, Red River, Reeves, Real, Robertson, Rockwall, Rusk, Runnels, San Patricio, San Saba, Scurry, Sherman, Smith, Somervell, Sterling, Starr, Sutton, Swisher, Tarrant, Tom Green, Taylor, Titus, Travis, Upshur, Victoria, Val Verde, Van Zandt, Waller, Washington, Williamson, Wilson, Wise, Ward, Wharton, Wood, Wheeler, Winkler, Wichita, Wilbarger and Young, or upon the petition of fifty freeholders of any such subdivision of a county as may be described in the petition, and defined by the commissioners court of any of the above named counties, the commissioners court of said county shall order an election to be held in such county or such subdivision of a county as may be described in the peti-tion and defined by the commissioners court on the day named in the order for the purpose of enabling the freeholders of such county or such subdivision of a county as may be described in the petition and defined by the commissioners Butler.

court to determine whether horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle shall be permitted to run at large in such county or such subdivision of a county as may be described in the petition and defined by the commissioners court; provided that where there is an application for an election to include an entire county there shall not be less than twelve freeholders from each justice precinct of said county as signers to the petition for such election

"And provided further, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to Wharton county as a whole, but shall apply only to such subdivision thereof as may be designated in the manner herein

provided.

"Sec. 2. The fact that there is no law in the counties named in the caption to prohibit stock from running at large creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Blackburn offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 443 by striking out all before the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the fol-"An Act to amend Article 7235. Chapter 6, Title 124, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, as amended by Chapter 72, General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, and Chapters 26 and 99, General Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, with reference to the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals from running at large in the counties named so as to include Kimble, Jefferson, Kleberg, Menard, Real, Sutton, Terrell, Clay, Collingsworth, Dimmit, Gregg, Lamb, Lipscomb, Mayerick, Nacog-doches, Tom Green, Bandera, Crockett, Edwards, Grimes and El Paso counties, and declaring an emergency.'

The amendment was adopted.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

## Yeas-109.

Baker. Blackmon.
Beard of Milam. Blalock.
Beasley. Bland.
Beason. Bledsoe.
Bell. Boner.
Bertram. Bryan.
Blackburn. Burton of Rusk.

Canales. Cates. Cope. Cox. Crudgington. Davis of Dallas. Davis of Grimes. Davis of Van Zandt. De Bogory. Denton. Dodd. Dudley. Dunnam. Florer. Fly. Haidusek. Hardey. Harris. Hawkins Hudspeth. Johnson. Jones. Laas. Lacev. Laney. Lange. Lanier. Lee. Lindemann. Low of Washington. McComb. McCoy. McDowra. McFarland. McMillin. Meador. Mendell. Metcalfe. Miller of Dallas. Moore. Morris. Murrell. Neill. Nordhaus. O'Banion. O'Brien. Osborne. Parks.

Peyton. Pillow. Pope. Raiden. Reeves. Richards. Roemer. Rogers. Russell. Sackett. Sallas. Sentell. Schlesinger. Schlosshan. Scholl. Seawright. Smith of Bastrop. Smith of Hopkins. Spencer of Nolan. Spencer of Wise. Spradley. Stewart. Strayhorn. Swope. Taylor. Templeton. Thomas. Thomason of El Paso. Thomason of Nacogdoches. Thompson of Hunt. Thompson of Red River. Tillotson. Tilson. Trayler. Tschoepe. Valentine. Veatch. Walker. White. Williams of Brazoria. Williams of McLennan. Williford. Wilson. Woods.

## Absent.

Woodul.

Bagby.
Beard of Harris.
Bedell.
Brown.
Bryant.
Burton of Tarrant.
Cadenhead.
Carlock.
Clark.
Estes.
Fairchild.
Fisher.

Peddy.

Greenwood.
Hartman.
Hill.
Holland.
Lowe
of McMullen.
Miller of Austin.
Monday.
Neeley.
Nichols.
Poage.
Sholars.

Smith of Scurry. Yantis. Terrell.

Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Martin. Robertson. Tinner. Upchurch. Wahrmund.

(Mr. Blalock in the chair.)

## HOUSE BILL NO. 461 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 461, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Georgetown Independent School District in the county of Williamson, State of Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.
On motion of Mr. Bland, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 472 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 472, A bill to be entitled "An Act changing and fixing the time of holding the district court in the Fortieth Judicial District of the State of Texas; providing for three terms of said court in Ellis county and three terms in Kaufman county; providing that all bail bonds, recognizances, and jurors selected heretofore shall be returnable to the terms herein fixed, and providing that should the district court be in session when this act takes effect same shall continue until the end of term under existing law and validating writs, judgments and decrees so entered at such term, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 484 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 484, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Chapter 6 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals running at large in particular counties named, as amended by Chapter 72 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, so as to include Terrell, Collings.

worth, Clay, Dimmit, Gregg, Lamb, Nacogdoches, Matagorda, Tom Green, Lipscomb, Maverick and Zavala counties under the provisions of said article, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

On motion of Mr. Harris, the bill was laid upon the table subject to call.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 536 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 536, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a new road law for Travis county."

The bill was read third time.
The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

## Yeas-114.

Baker. Laney. Beard of Milam. Lanier. Beasley. Lee. Lindemann. Beason. Bedell. Lowe of McMullen. Bell. Low Bertram. of Washington. Blackburn. McComb. Blackmon. Blalock. McCoy. McDowra. Bland. Boner. McFarland. Brown. McMillin. Meador. Bryan. Burton of Rusk. Mendell. Butler. Metcalfe: Miller of Dallas. Cadenhead. Morris. Canales. Murrell. Cates. Neeley. Cope. Neill. Cox. Davis of Dallas. Nichols. Davis of Grimes. Nordhaus. O'Banion. Davis of Van Zandt. O'Brien. De Bogory. Osborne. Parks. Denton. Peyton. Dodd. Dudley. Pillow. Dunnam. Poage. Fairchild. Pope. Florer. Raiden. Reeves. Fly. Haidusek. Richards. Hardey. Roemer. Rogers. Harris. Hawkins Russell. Sackett. Hudspeth. Sallas. Johnson. Sentell. Jones. Schlesinger.

Schlosshan.

Scholl. Seawright. Smith of Bastrop. Smith of Hopkins. Spencer of Nolan. Spencer of Wise. Spradley. Stewart. Strayhorn. Swope. Taylor. Templeton. Terrell. Thomas. Thomason of El Paso. Thomason of Nacogdoches. Thompson of Hunt.

Thompson of Red River. Tillotson. Tilson. Trayler. Tschoepe. Valentine. Veatch. Walker. White. Williams of Brazoria. Williams of McLennan. Williford. Wilson.

#### Absent.

Woods.

Woodul.

Yantis.

Bagby. Beard of Harris. Bledsoe. Bryant. Carlock. Clark. Crudgington. Estes. Fisher. Greenwood.

Hartman. Hill. Holland. Lange. Burton of Tarrant. Miller of Austin. Monday. Moore. Peddy. Sholars. Smith of Scurry.

## Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Martin. Robertson.

Tinner. Upchurch. Wahrmund.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 522 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, II. B. No. 522, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate the incorporation of the city of Texas City and to de-clare valid all acts pertaining to the incorporation of said city, and to de-clare valid and binding each and every of the official acts of the mayor and city commissioners sitting as a board of commissioners, since the incorporation of said city of Texas City."

· The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Beason moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 542 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House. McCoy. on its third reading and final passage, McDowra.

H. B. No. 542, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 30, of the Special Laws of the Thirtyfirst Legislature, as amended by Special Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature, heing 'An Act to create a road com-mission for Jones, Haskell and Taylor counties.'"

The bill was read third time. The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

## Yeas-10S.

McMillin.

Meador.

Baker. Beard of Milam. Beasley. Beason. Bedell. Bell. Bertram. Blackburn. Blackmon. Blalock. Bland. Boner. Bryan. Burton of Rusk. Butler. Cadenhead. Canales. Cates. Cope. Cox. Crudgington. Davis of Dallas. Davis of Grimes. Davis of Van Zandt. De Bogory. Dodd. Dudley. Dunnam. Fairchild. Fly. Haidusek. Hardey. Harris. Hawkins. Hudspeth. Johnson. Jones. Laas. Lacey. Laney. Lange. Lanier. Lee. Lindemann. Lowe of McMullen. Low of Washington. McComb.

Mendell. Metcalfe. Miller of Dallas. Moore. Morris. Murrell. Neeley. Neill. Nichols. O'Banion. O'Brien. Osborne. Parks. Peddy. Peyton. Pillow. Poage. Pope. Raiden. Reeves. Richards. Roemer. Rogers. Russell. Sackett. Sallas. Sentell. Schlesinger. Schlosshan. Scholl. Seawright. Smith of Bastrop. Smith of Hopkins. Spencer of Nolan. Spencer of Wise. Stewart. Swope. Templeton. Terrell. Thomas. Thomason of Nacogdoches. Thompson of Hunt. Thompson of Red River. Tilson. Trayler. Tschoepe. Valentine.

Williford. Veatch. Wilson. Walker. Woods. White. Williams Woodul. of Brazoria. Yantis. Williams of McLennan.

Present-Not Voting.

Florer.

Taylor.

Absent.

Bagby. Beard of Harris. Hill. Holland. Bledsoe. McFarland. Miller of Austin. Brown. Monday. Bryant. Burton of Tarrant. Nordhaus. Carlock. Sholars. Smith of Scurry. Clark. Spradley. Denton. Estes. Strayhorn. Fisher. Thomason Greenwood. of El Paso. Tillotson. Hartman.

Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Martin. Robertson.

Tinner. Upchurch. Wahrmund.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 551 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 551, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 3, Title 124, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, so as to take the counties of Wharton, Fort Bend, Matagorda and Brazoria from the counties exempted by Article 7184 of said act, and place said counties under the provisions of said Title 124, Chapter 3."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Hardey offered the following amendments to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 551 by striking out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. Article 1372, Chapter 12, Title 17, of the Revised Penal Code of Texas, and Article 7184, Chapter 3, Title 124, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended by Chapter 17, of the General Laws passed at the First Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Article 1372. (Penal Code.) The provisions of this law shall not apply

Anderson, Angelina, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bowie, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Dal-las, Delta, Denton, DeWitt, Ellis, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Franklin, Freestone, Galveston, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hill, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Jasper, Johnson, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendell, Karnes, Kaufman, Karnes, Karnes, Karnes, Karnes, Karnes, K dall, Kerr, Kimble, Lamar, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Llano, Madison, Marion, Mason, McLennan, Milam, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Palo Pinto, Panola, Polk, Rains, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Sutton, Tarrant, Titus, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Walker, Waller, Washington, William

son, Wood.
Sec. 2. Article 7184. (Civil Statutes.) The provisions of the five preceding articles shall in nowise apply to the following counties: Anderson, Angelina, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bowie, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Dallas, Delta, Denton, DeWitt; Ellis, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Franklin, Freestone, Galveston, Gilles-pie, Goliad, Gonzales, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hays; Henderson, Hill, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Jasper, Johnson, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendall, Kerr, Kimball, Lamar, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Llano, Madison, Marion, Mason, McLennan, Milam, Montgomery, Morris, McLennan, Milam, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Palo Pinto, Panola, Polk, Rains, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Sutton, Tarrant, Titus, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Walker, Waller, Washington, Williamson, Wood.

Sec. 3. There being no reason why the wholesome provisions of the laws referred to in the title of the bill should

referred to in the title of the bill should not apply to all that part of Texas peculiarly adapted to the raising of live stock, and whereas the high price of cattle has brought on an increase in the crime of cattle theft and unlawful handling and butchering of cattle which would be largely prevented if the butcher laws were enforced more generally in counties now exempt therefrom, an emergency exists demanding that the rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days should be abrogated and to either of the following counties: the same is hereby abrogated, and this

act shall be in effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Amend House bill No. 551 by striking out all before the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"An Act to amend Article 1372, Chapter 12, Title 17, of the Revised Penal Code of Texas, and Article 7184, Chapter 3, Title 124, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended by Chapter 17, of the General Laws passed at the First Called Session of the Thirtyfourth Legislature, which chapters relate to the regulation of the butcher business and the detection of persons illegally handling and butchering animals, and prescribing bond, rules and regulations and penalties in connection therewith; said articles amended hereby name a large number of counties as .. being exempt from the provisions of said chapters and it is the purpose of this act to reduce the number of counties so exempt, and declaring an emergency."

The amendments were adopted. House bill No. 551 was then passed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 564 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 564, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Ralls Independent School District in Crosby county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was

## HOUSE BILL NO. 573 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 573, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a more efficient road system for Dickens county, Texas, and making county commissioners ex-officio road commissioners of their respective precincts, and prescribing their powers and duties as such, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 593 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage.

H. B. No. 593, A bill to be entitled Lacey. "An Act amending Chapter 74 (Senate Laney.

bill No. 349), Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, correcting field notes so as to make same identical with field notes of Common School District No. 5 of San Patricio county, Texas, as created by the commissioners court of said county May 13, 1902, and recorded in Volume. 2, page 439, of the minutes of said court; and validating bonds issued by Common School District No. 5 of San Patricio county, Texas, and declaring same a legal and binding obligation outstanding against Mathis Independent District as hereinafter defined and described by metes and bounds, and declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore levied, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

## Yeas-107.

Lange. Bagby. Baker. Lanier. Beard of Milam. Lee. Beasley. Beason. Bedell. Bell. Bertram. Blackburn. Blackmon. Blalock. Bland. Boner. Bryan. Burton of Rusk. Butler. Cadenhead. Canales. Cates. Cope. Crudgington. Davis of Dallas. Davis of Grimes. De Bogory. Dodd. Dudley. Dunnam. Estes. Fairchild. Fisher. Florer. Fly. Haidusek. Hardey. Hawkins Hudspeth. Johnson. Jones. Laas.

Lindemann. Lowe of McMullen. McComb. McCoy. McDowra. McFarland. McMillin. Mendell: Metcalfe. Miller of Dallas. Morris. Murrell. Neeley. Neill. Nordhaus. O'Banion. O'Brien. Osborne. Parks. Peddy. Peyton. Poage. Pope. Raiden. Reeves. Richards. Roemer. Rogers. Russell. Sackett. Sallas. Sentell. Schlesinger. Schlosshan. Scholl. Smith of Bastrop. Smith of Hopkins.

Trayler. . Spencer of Nolan. Spencer of Wise. Tschoepe. Spradley. Stewart. Valentine. Veatch. Walker. Taylor. Templeton. White. Terrell. Williams. of Brazoria. Thomas. Thomason Williams of Nacogdoches. of McLennan. Thompson Williford. of Hunt. Wilson. Woods. Thompson of Red River. Woodul. Tillotson. Yantis. Tilson.

#### Absent.

Beard of Harris. Low of Washington. Bledsoe. Meador. Brown. Miller of Austin. Bryan. Burton of Tarrant. Monday. Moore. Carlock. Clark. Nichols. Pillow. Cox. Davis Seawright. of Van Zandt. Sholars. Denton. Smith of Scurry. Greenwood. Strayhorn. Harris. Swope. Hartman. Thomason Hill. of El Paso. Holland.

## Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Tinner.
Martin. Upchurch.
Robertson. Wahrmund.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 603 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 603, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Post Independent School District, in Garza county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 606 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 606, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Wilmer Independent School District in Dallas county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.
The Clerk was directed to call the

roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-104.

Bagby. Neill. Baker. Nichols. Beard of Harris. Nordhaus. Beard of Milam. O'Banion. Beasley. O'Brien: Beason. Osborne. Bedell. Parks. . Bell. Peddy. Bertram. Peyton. Blackburn. Poage. Raiden. Blackmon. Blalock. Reeves. Bland. Roemer. Bledsoe. Rogers. Boner. Russell. Bryan. Sallas. Bryant. Sentell. Burton of Rusk. Schlesinger. Butler. Schlosshan. Canales. Scholl. Cates. Seawright Cope. Smith of Bastrop. Cox. Smith of Hopkins. Crudgington. Spencer of Nolan. Davis of Dallas. Spencer of Wise. Davis of Grimes. Spradley. Dodd. Stewart. Estes. Swope. Fairchild. Taylor. Fisher. Templeton. Haidusek. Terrell. Thomas. Hardey. Thomason Harris. of El Paso. Hawkins. Hudspeth. Thomason of Nacogdoches. Johnson. Thompson Jones. of Hunt. Laas. Thompson Lacey. of Red River. Laney. Lange. Tillotson. Tilson. Lanier. Lee. Trayler. Tschoepe. Lindemann. Valentine. Low of Washington. Veatch. McComb. Walker. White. McDowra. McFarland. Williams McMillin. of McLennan. Williford. Meaddr. Wilson. Miller of Dallas. Morris. Woods. Woodul. Murrell. Neeley. Yantis.

## Present-Not Voting

Fly. Sackett. Lowe of McMullen.

#### Absent.

Holland. Brown. Burton of Tarrant. McCoy. Mendell. Cadenhead. Metcalfe. Carlock. Miller of Austin. Clark. Monday. Davis of Van Zandt. Moore. De Bogory. Pillow. Pope. Denton. Richards. Dudley. Dunnam. Sholars. Smith of Scurry. Florer. Greenwood. Strayhorn. Williams Hartman.

Absent-Excused. .

Fitzpatrick. Martin. Robertson.

Hill.

Tinner. Upchurch. Wahrmund.

of Brazoria.

## APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED.

The Speaker announced the appointment of H. J. Gould as stenographer to take the place of Miss Jane Smith, resigned.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

· Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate concurs in House amendments to Senate Joint Resolution No. 12 by vote of 26 yeas, 0 nays.

The Senate has passed:

H. B. No. 7, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7805 of Chapter 1 of Title 130 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the issuance of permits to foreign corporations, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

The Senate concurs in House amendments to Senate bill No. 349 by vote of 25 yeas, 0 nays.

Respectfully, G. H. BOYNTON, Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 608 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 608, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Chireno Independent School District in Nacogdoches | Murrell.

county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-109.

Bagby. Baker. Beard of Milam. Beasley. Beason. Bedell. Bell. Bertram. Blackburn. Blackmon. Blalock. Bland. Boner. Bryan. Bryant. Burton of Rusk. Butler. Cadenhead. Canales. Cates. Cope. Cox. Crudgington. Davis of Dallas. De Bogory. Dodd. Dudley. Dunnam. Estes. Fisher. Fly. Haidusek. Hardey. Harris. Hawkins. Hill. Hudspeth. Johnson. Jones. Laas. Lacey. Laney. Lange. Lanier. Lee. Lindemann. Lowe of McMullen. Low of Washington. McComb. McCoy. McDowra. McFarland. McMillin. Meador. Mendell.

Morris.

Neeley. Neill. Nordhaus. O'Banion. O'Brien. Osborne. Parks. Peddy. Peyton. Poage. Pope. Raiden. Reeves. Richards. Roemer. Rogers. Russell. Sackett. Sallas. Sentell. Schlesinger. Schlosshan. Scholl. Seawright. Smith of Bastrop. Smith of Hopkins. Spencer of Nolan. Spencer of Wise. Spradley. Stewart. Swope. Taylor. Templeton. Terrell. Thomas. Thomason of El Paso. Thomason of Nacogdoches. Thompson of Hunt. Thompson of Red River. Tillotson. Tilson. Trayler. Tschoepe. Valentine. Veatch. Walker. White. Williams of Brazoria. Williams of McLennan. Williford. Wilson.

Yantis.

#### Absent.

Holland. Beard of Harris. Bledsoe. Metcalfe. Miller of Austin. Brown. Burton of Tarrant. Miller of Dallas Monday. Carlock. Moore. Clark. Davis of Grimes. Nichols. Pillow. Davis of Van Zandt. Sholars.

Denton. Smith of Scurry. Strayhorn. Florer. Woods. Greenwood. Hartman.

#### Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Tinner.
Martin. Upchurch.
Robertson. Wahrmund.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 600 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 609, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district to be known as the Woden Independent School District in Nacogdoches county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 610 ON THIRD-READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 610, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3 of House bill No. 647, Chapter 136, of the special laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature relating to Tarrant county road system; providing for the raising of the salaries of county commissioners of said county from \$2000 to \$2400 per annum, and making it the duty of said commissioners to furnish their own conveyance while performing the duties of road commissioner and defray the expense of upkeep of same."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-104.

Bagby. Beasley. Beason. Beard of Milam. Bell.

Bertram. Nichols. Blackburn. Nordhaus. Blackmon. O'Banion. Blalock. O'Brien. Bledsoe. Osborne. Boner. Parks. Brown. Peddy. Bryan. Peyton. Bryant. Poage. Burton of Rusk. Raiden. Butler. Reeves. Cadenhead. Richards. Canales. Roemer. Cates. Rogers. Cope. Russell. Cox. Sentell. Crudgington. Schlesinger. Davis of Dallas. Schlosshan. De Bogory. Scholl. Dodd. Seawright. Dudley. Smith of Bastrop. Dunnam. Smith of Hopkins. Spencer of Wise. Estes. Fly. Spradley. Haidusek. Stewart. Hardey. Taylor. Hawkins. Templeton. Terrell. Hill. Thomas. Holland. Hudspeth. Thomason of El Paso. Johnson. Thompson Jones. Laas. of Hunt. Thompson Lacey. Lange. of Red River. Tillotson. Lanier. Tilson. Lee. Lindemann. Trayler. Tschoepe. Lowe of McMullen. Valentine. Low Veatch. of Washington. Walker. White. McComb. McCoy. Williams of Brazoria. McDowra. Williams McMillin. of McLennan. Meador. Williford. Mendell. Miller of Dallas. Wilson. Woods. Morris. Woodul. Murrell. Neeley. Yantis. Neill.

Present-Not Voting.

Bland. Sackett.

## Sallas.

Absent.

Beard of Harris. Denton. Fairchild. Bedell. Burton of Tarrant. Fisher. Carlock. Florer. Clark. Greenwood. Davis of Grimes. Harris. Davis Hartman. of Van Zandt. Laney.

Pope.

McFarland. Metcalfe. Miller of Austin. Monday. Moore. Pillow.

Sholars. Smith of Scurry. Spencer of Nolan. Strayhorn.. Swope.

Thomason of Nacogdoches.

## Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Martin. Robertson.

Tinner. Upchurch. Wahrmund.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 7 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Valentine called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 7, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7805, of Chapter 1, of Title 130 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the issuance of permits to foreign corporations, and declaring an emergency."
The Speaker laid the bill before the

House, and the Senate amendments were

On motion of Mr. Valentine, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

Mr. Valentine moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred in the Senate amendments, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 612 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on

its third reading and final passage,
H. B. No. 612, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road, bridge and culvert system for Houston county; to create the office of road superintendent, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

## Yeas-104.

Bland. Bagby. Baker. Boner. Beard of Milam. Brown. Beasley. Bryan. Bryant. Beason. Burton of Rusk. Bell. Butler. Bertram. Blackburn. Cadenhead. Cates. Blackmon. Blalock. Cope.

Crudgington. Davis of Dallas. De Bogory. Dodd. Dudley. Dunnam. Estes. Fisher. Fly. Haidusek. Hardey. Hartman. Hawkins. Holland. Hudspeth. Johnson. Jones. Laas. Lacey. Laney. Lange. Lanier. Lee. Lindemann. Lowe of McMullen. Low of Washington. McComb. McCoy. McDowra. McMillin. Meador. Miller of Dallas. Morris. Murrell. Neelev. Neill. Nichols. Nordhaus. O'Banion. O'Brien. Osborne.

Peyton. Pope. Reeves. Richards. Roemer. Rogers. Russell. Sackett. Sallas. Sentell. Schlesinger. Schlosshan. Scholl. Seawright. Smith of Bastrop. Smith of Hopkins. Spencer of Nolan. Spencer of Wise. Spradley. Stewart. Swope. Taylor. Templeton. Terrell. Thomas. Thomason of El Paso. Thompson of Hunt. Thompson of Red River. Tillotson. Tilson. Trayler. Tschoepe. Valentine. Veatch. Walker. White. Williford. Wilson. Woods. Woodul. Yantis.

#### Absent.

Beard of Harris. Bedell. Bledsoe. Burton of Tarrant. Canales. Carlock. Clark. Davis of Grimes. Davis of Van Zandt. Denton. Fairchild. Florer. Greenwood. Harris. Hill. McFarland.

Mendell.

Parks.

Metcalfe. Miller of Austin. Monday. Moore. Peddy. Pillow. Poage. Raiden. Sholars. Smith of Scurry. Strayhorn. Thomason of Nacogdoches. Williams of Brazoria. Williams of McLennan.

#### Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Martin. Robertson.

Tinner. Upchurch. Wahrmund.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 620 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 620, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Tilden Independent School District in McMullen county, Texas, and defining its boundaries, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time. The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

## Yeas-97.

McComb. Baker. Beard of Milam: McCoy. McDowra. Beasley. Beason ... McMillin. Bell. Metcalfe. Miller of Dallas. Bertram. Blackburn. Morris. Murrell. Blackmon. Blalock. Neeley. Neill. Bland. Boner. Nichols. O'Banion. Brown. Bryan. O'Brien. Burton of Rusk. Osborne. Butler. Parks. Cadenhead. Poage. Reeves. Cates. Cope. Richards. Cox. Rogers. Russell. Crudgington. Davis of Dallas. Sackett: De Bogory. Sallas. Dodd. Sentell. Dudley. Schlesinger. Dunnam. Schlosshan. Estes. Scholl. Fisher. Seawright. Smith of Bastrop. Fly. Smith of Hopkins. Haidusek. Hardey. Spencer of Nolan. Harris. Spencer of Wise. Spradley. Hartman. Hawkins. Stewart. Holland. Taylor. Templeton. Hudspeth. Johnson. Terrell. Laas. Thomas. Lacey. Thomason Laney. of El Paso. Lange. Thompson of Hunt. Lanier. Tiee. Thompson Lindemann.

Trayler. Williams Tschoepe. of Brazoria. Valentine. Williford. Veatch. Wilson. Walker. Woods: White. Yantis.

Present-Not Voting.

Bledsoe.

#### Absent.

Bagby. Beard of Harris. Mendell. Miller of Austin. Bedell. Monday. Bryant. Moore. Burton of Tarrant. Nordhaus. Canales. Peddy. Carlock. Peyton. Clark. Pillow. Davis of Grimes. Pope. Davis Raiden. of Van Zandt. Roemer. Denton. Sholars. Fairchild. Smith of Scurry. Strayhorn. Florer. Greenwood. Swope. Hill. Thomason Jones. of Nacogdoches. Williams Low of Washington. of McLennan. Woodul. McFarland. Meador.

## Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Tinner. Martin. Upchurch. Robertson. Wahrmund.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 622 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 622, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Lyford Independent School District in . Cameron county, Texas, including the town of Lyford; defining its boundaries, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 645 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 645, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Florence Independent School District in Williamson county, Texas, including the present Florence Independent School District, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and

was passed.

of Red River.

Tillotson.

Tilson.

of McMullen.

## BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and its caption had been read, the following enrolled bill:

S. B. No. 148, "An Act to make an emergency appropriation to pay additional teachers during the remainder of the regular session of the North Texas State Normal College, and to supply an omission in the appropriation for the summer session of 1917."

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 655 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 655, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 923 of the Penal Code of this State as enacted by Chapter 135 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, so as to exempt therefrom the counties of Hood and Somervell as to the waters of the Brazos river, and as to the waters of Paluxy creek from the first day of July to the first day of January of each year, and providing that gigging and grabbling is and shall be prohibited in both streams at all times, and declaring an emergency.'

The bill was read third time and was

passed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 621 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 621, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 69, Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, Regular Session so as to enlarge the territory of the Hutchins Independent School District in Dallas county, Texas; and prescribing the metes and bounds thereof, and declaring an emergency."
The bill was read third time and

was passed.

## HONORING GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Mr. Jones offered the following privileged resolution:

Whereas, Tomorrow is the 22nd day of February, the birthday of our greatest American, George Washington; and

Whereas, It is a national holiday in every State in the Union; therefore,

be it

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this evening it do so in honor of America's first President.

Signed-Jones, Thompson of Red River.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### RECESS.

Mr. Schlesinger moved that the House recess to 10 o'clock a. m. next Friday.

Mr. O'Banion moved that the House

recess to 7:30 o'clock p. m. today.

The motion of Mr. O'Banion prevailed, and the House accordingly, at 5:50 o'clock p. m., took recess to 7:30 o'clock p. m. today.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

The House met at 7:30 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

HOUSE BILL NO. 283 ON SECOND READING. .

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 283, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Chapter 6, Title 124, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, as amended by the Thirty-third Legislature, with reference to the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals from running at large in the counties named, so as to include Jefferson county, and exempting a part of said Jefferson county from the provisions of the law, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 525 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 525, A bill to be entitled "An Act enlarging the area of Nixon Independent School District in Gonzales and Wilson counties, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Fly offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend by striking out all of Section 2 and inserting the following, towit:

"Sec. 2. The territory hereby created into an independent school district is described, by metes and bounds as folBeginning on the S. W. line of Gonzales county at the E. corner of Wilson and N. corner of Karnes counties.

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Thence N. 41 deg. W., with the line of Gonzales and Wilson counties, 14,500 varas to stake.

Thence N. 14 deg. W. 1900 varas to stake in the D. O. Warren league.

Thence N. 76 deg. E. 10,450 varas to a stake in the Hardy W. B. Price sur-

vev.

Thence S. 14 deg. E. 14.825 varas to a stake in the Thomas Wright league. Thence S. 76 deg. W. 3865 varas to the place of beginning, containing 19,904 acres of land—31 I-10 square miles; containing within these boundaries within Gonzales county 3324 acres of the Juan J. Tejada league; of the John Pereyhouse, 359 acres; of the John Florence, 1515 acres; of the Wm. Curtis, 388 acres; of the H. B. Lockhart, 139 acres; of the C. Hinds, 611 acres; of the J. W. Neal, 433 acres; of the P. S. Barnett, 640 acres; of the D. O. Warren 2023 acres; of the James Roden, 102 acres; of the J. R. King, 212 acres; of the Wm. Earskins, 310 acres; of the John Hunter, 308 acres; of the Y. Berryman, 320 acres; of the Wm. Smith, 320 acres; of the Thad Hunter, 160 acres; of the John Davis, 160 acres; of the Thomas Wright, 994 acres; of the Thos. Hardaman, 1340 acres; of the Alex McCormack, 1276 acres; of the A. R. Payten, 325 acres; of the B. Hudenall, 165 acres; of the Wade Horten, 221 acres; of the Robert S. Armstrong, 724 acres; of the John A. Winn, 1693 acres; of the Wm. K. Hargus, 465 acres; of the J. M. Whitaker, 79 acres; of the M. Arata, 236 acres; of the Hardy W. B. Price, 53 acres; of the Goodbread, 398 acres.' The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 525 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 552 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to en-

grossment,

H. B. No. 552, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the compensation of the district attorney of the criminal district court of Travis and Williamson counties, and to authorize and to empower said district attorney to appoint a deputy assistant district attorney, and to fix the salaries of such district grossment, and declaring The bill was passed to the country and declaring the bill was passed to the country and declaring the bill was passed to the country and declaring the bill was passed to the country and declaring the bill was passed to the country and declaring the bill was passed to the criminal district action to the bill was passed to the country and declaring the bill was passed to the country and declaring the bill was passed to the country and declaring the bill was passed to the country and declaring the bill was passed to the country and to authorize and to empower said district attorney and to authorize and to empower said district attorney to appoint a deputy assistant district attorney, and to fix the salaries of such district grows and to fix the country and the coun

attorney, and to make an appropriation for the paying of said district attorney and deputy assistant district attorney, and declaring an emergency."

'The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 599 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 599, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 76, General Laws, 1901, to create a more efficient road system for Erath county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 630 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 630, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2, 8, 9, 12 and 40 of Chapter 148, Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, same being a special road law for Fayette county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Haidusek offered the following ing amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 630, Section 8, by adding after the word "hereof" the following: "shall not be sold at less than par and."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 630 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 636 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 636, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a more efficient road system for Wichita county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 639 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 639, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit the paying of the members of the commissioners courts in Wheeler county, Texas, \$4.00 per day for services."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 672 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 672, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Callahan county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

. The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 690 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 690, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Liberty Hill Independent School District in Williamson county, Texas, including the present Liberty Hill district of said county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 693 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 693, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of an act to provide a special road law for Denton county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 700 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 700, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Docum and Miller Common County Line School District. containing territory in Erath and Comanche counties, Texas, including the territory of the school districts known as Miller and Docum Common School Districts of Comanche and Erath counties, respectively; placing said common -county line school districts under the

jurisdiction of Comanche county, to be known as Common School District No. 110 of said county; a board of trustees therefor; vesting said district and board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred and imposed on common school districts and boards of trustees thereof, etc., and de-

claring an emergency."
The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 705 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 705, A bill to be entitled "An Act adding territory to the present Trent Independent School District of Taylor county; defining its boundaries, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 706 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to en-

H. B. No. 706, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Henderson county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency.'

The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 718 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 718, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Newton county, Texas, and creating the office of superintendent of public road and bridges in said county, and providing for the appointment and discharge of superintendent, and prescribing his powers and duties, etc., and declaring an emergency.

The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

## BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. McMillin, by unanimous consent, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 303 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, by unanimous consent, was ordered that House bill No. 738 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Blackmon, by

unanimous consent, it was ordered that House bill No. 735 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Lee, by unanimous consent, it was ordered that House bill No. 734 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Schlosshan, by unanimous consent, it was ordered that House bill No. 730 be not printed.

Mr. Stewart moved a call of the House for the purpose of maintaining a quorum, and the call was duly seconded,

The Speaker then directed the Doorkeeper to close the main entrance to the Hall and instructed the Sergeantat-Arms to lock all other doors leading from the Hall, and stated that no member would be permitted to leave the Hall without written permission from the Speaker.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 624 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 624, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Abernathy Independent School District situated in Hale and Lubbock counties, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

## Yeas-95.

Mr. Speaker. Fisher. Baker. Fly. Beard of Harris. Haidusek. Beard of Milam. Hardey. Beason. Harris. Bedell. Hawkins. Bertram. Hill. Holland. Blackmon. Blalock. Hudspeth. Boner. Johnson. Brown. Laas. Burton of Rusk. Lacev. Burton of Tarrant. Laney. Cadenhead. Lanier. Canales. Lee. Cope. Lindemann. Cox. McComb. Crudgington. McCoy. Davis of Dallas. McDowra. Davis of Grimes. McMillin. Davis Meador. of Van Zandt. Dodd. Metcalfe. Miller of Dallas. Dudley. Moore. Dunnam. Morris. Estes. Murrell. Fairchild. Neeley.

Neill. Templeton. Nordhaus. Terrell. O'Banion. Thomas. O'Brien. Thomason Osborne. of El Paso. Parks. Thomason Peddy. of Nacogdoches. Peyton. Thompson Pillow. of Hunt. Thompson Poage. Pope. of Red River. Tilson. Reeves. Richards. Tschoepe. Roemer. Upchurch. Rogers. Valentine. Veatch. Russell. Sackett. Walker. Schlosshan. Williams Scholl. of Brazoria. Williford. Seawright. Sholars. Woods. Smith of Bastrop. Woodul. Stewart. Yantis. Swope.

#### Absent.

Bagby. McFarland. Beasley. Mendell. Bell. Miller of Austin. Monday. Blackburn. Bland. Nichols. Bledsoe. Raiden. Sallas. Bryan. Bryant. Sentell. Schlesinger. Smith of Hopkins. Butler. Carlock. Smith of Scurry. Cates. Spencer of Nolan. Clark. Spencer of Wise. De Bogory. Spradley. Denton. Florer. Strayhorn. Greenwood. Taylor. Tillotson. Hartman. Trayler. Jones. White. Lange. Lowe Williams of McMullen. of McLennan Wilson. Low

## Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Tinner.
Martin. Wahrmund.
Robertson.

of Washington.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 549 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 549, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent unnecessary cruelty in catching or killing of wild animals and to prevent live stock and other domestic animals from injury, and to prevent the extermination of wild animals."

mals usually hunted for sport, and to forbid the setting of any trap, snare or device for taking, snaring, trapping or catching of same, and to prevent the taking, catching, killing or trapping of such animals, and to provide a punishment for so doing."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Richards moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 619 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 619, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the selling of bass and white perch, or crappy, taken from the fresh waters in the county of Coryell, State of Texas; making it unlawful to use any dynamite or other ex-plosives in the killing or catching of any fish in any of the fresh waters of said county, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof; prohibiting the use of any seine, drag net, trammel net or other net other than a minnow seine, which shall not be more than ten fect in length and the meshes of which shall not be smaller than one-fourth inch; limiting the number of fish to be taken in any one day; providing that the district judge of the judicial district in which Coryell county is situated shall the grand juries of Coryell county; providing a penalty for the violation hereof, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Fisher moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 640 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 640, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Wheeler Independent School District of Wheeler county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 653 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 653, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a special road law for Cherokee county, and providing for levying and collecting a road tax, authorizing the commissioners court of said county to employ road superintendents and laborers on the public roads thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-106.

Lindemann.

Mr. Speaker. Baker. Beard of Harris. Beard of Milam. Beasley. Beason. Bedell. Bell. Bertram. Blackmon. Blalock. Bland., Boner. Brown. Burton of Rusk. Burton of Tarrant. Butler. Cadenhead. Canales. Cates. Clark. Cope. Cox. Crudgington. Davis of Dallas. Davis of Van Zandt. Denton. Dodd. Dudley. Dunnam. Estes. Fairchild. Fisher. Fly. Hardey. Harris. Hawkins. Holland. Hudspeth. Johnson. Laas. Lacey. Laney. Lange.

Lee.

Low of Washington. McComb. McCoy. McDowra. McFarland. McMillin. Meador. Metcalfe. Miller of Dallas. Moore. Morris. Murrell. Neeley. Neill. Nichols. Nordhaus. O'Banion. O'Brien. Osborne. Parks. Peyton. Pillow. Poage. Raiden. Reeves. Richards. Roemer. Rogers. Russell. Sackett. Sentell. Schlosshan. Scholl. Seawright. Sholars. Smith of Bastrop. Spencer of Nolan. Spradley. Stewart. Swope. Templeton. Terrell. Thomas. Thomason of El Paso.

Thompson of Hunt. Thompson of Red River. Tilson. Trayler. Tschoepe. Upchurch.

Valentine.

Veatch. Walker. White. Williams of Brazoria. Williford. Woods. Woodul. Yantis.

#### Absent.

Bagby. Blackburn. Bledsoe. Bryan. Bryant. Carlock. Davis of Grimes. De Bogory. Florer. Greenwood. Haidusek. Hartman. Hill. Jones. Lowe of McMullen. Mendell.

Miller of Austin. Monday. Peddy. Pope. Sallas. Schlesinger. Smith of Hopkins. Smith of Scurry. Spencer of Wise. Strayhorn. Taylor. Thomason of Nacogdoches. Tillotson. Williams of McLennan. Wilson.

#### Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Martin. Robertson.

Tinner. Wahrmund.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has

H. B. No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining 'mooching,' as knowingly soliciting any money or other thing of value from any other person who is a candidate for nomination or election in any primary or general election to any public office in this State, as fixed by law, and within six months prior to such primary or election, for any barbecue, picnic, dance, ball or for any treat or treats, or for any public political gathering, making same unlawful," by striking out the enacting clause and a copy of the pill is transmitted herewith.

The Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 103, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of and make an appropriation for the construction of a main building, chem- Dodd.

ical laboratory building, dormitory and power house for the School of Mines of the State of Texas, located in El Paso, Texas, and to make an appropriation of all funds collected from insurance on the burned buildings of said School of Mines for said purpose, and for furnishing, equipping and maintaining said School of Mines, and declaring an emer-

S. B. No. 182, A bill to be entitled "An Act to further regulate the organization, supervision and control of State banks and bank and trust companies incorporated under the general banking laws of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully JOHN D. McCALL, Secretary of the Senate.

(Mr. Fisher in the chair.)

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 667 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on

its third reading and final passage,
H. B. No. 667, A bill to be entitled "An Act incorporating and creating the Paducah Independent School District in Cottle county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency.'

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-105.

Dudley. Mr. Speaker. Dunnam. Baker. Beard of Harris. Beard of Milam. Beasley. Bedell. Fly. Bell. Bertram. Blackmon. Blalock. Bland. Boner. Brown. Burton of Rusk. Burton of Tarrant. Butler. Cadenhead. Lee. Canales. Cates. Cope. Cox. Crudgington. Davis of Dallas. Davis of Van Zandt. McMillin. Meador. Denton. Metcalfe.

Estes. Fairchild. Fisher. Hardey. Harris. Hawkins. Holland. Hudspeth. Johnson. Laas. Lacev. Laney. Lange. Lanier. Lindemann. Low of Washington. McComb. McCoy. McDowra.

Miller of Dallas. Spencer of Nolan. Moore. Spradley. Morris. Stewart. Murrell. Swope. Neeley. Templeton. Neill. Terrell. Nichols. Thomas. Nordhaus. Thomason O'Banion. of El Paso. O'Brien. Thomason Osborne. of Nacogdoches. Thompson Parks. Peyton. of Hunt. Pillow. Thompson Poage. of Red River. Pope. Tilson. Raiden. Trayler. Reeves. Tschoepe. Richards. Upchurch. Valentine. Roemer. Rogers. Veatch. Russell. Walker. Sackett. White. Sentell. Williams Schlosshan. of Brazoria. Scholl. Williford. Seawright. Woods. Sholars. Woodul. Smith of Bastrop. Yantis.

#### Absent.

Bagby. of McMullen. Beason. McFarland. Blackburn. Mendell. Bledsoe. Miller of Austin. Bryan. Monday. Bryant. Peddy. Carlock. Sallas. Schlesinger. Clark. Davis of Grimes. Smith of Hopkins. De Bogory. Smith of Scurry. Florer. Spencer of Wise. Greenwood. Strayhorn. Haidusek. Taylor. Hartman. Tillotson. Williams Hill. Jones. of McLennan. Wilson. Lowe

## Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Martin. Robertson. Tinner. Wahrmund.

(Speaker in the chair.)

## BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Dunnam, by unanimous consent, it was ordered that House bills Nos. 706 and 715 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Burton of Tarrant, Hudsp by unanimous consent, it was ordered that House bill No. 635 be not printed. Laas. On motion of Mr. Fisher, by unani-Lacey.

mous consent, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 200 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins, by unanimous consent, it was ordered that Senate bills Nos. 308, 322 and 325 be not printed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 670 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 670, A bill to be entitled "An Act incorporating and creating the Knippa Independent School District of Uvalde county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

## Yeas-105.

Mr. Speaker. Laney. Baker. Lange. Beard of Harris. Lanier. Beard of Milam. Lee. Lindemann. Beasley. Beason. Low of Washington. Bedell. McComb. Bell. Bertram. McCoy. Blackmon. McDowra. McFarland. Blalock. McMillin. Bland. Meador. Boner. Brown. Metcalfe. Burton of Rusk. Miller of Dallas. Burton of Tarrant. Morris. Butler. Murrell. Cadenhead. Neeley. Canales. Neill. Cates. Nichols. Nordhaus. Cope. O'Banion. Cox. Crudgington. O'Brien. Davis of Dallas. Osborne. Davis Parks. of Van Zandt. Peyton. Denton. Pillow. Dodd. Poage. Dudley. Pope. Raiden. Dunnam. Richards. Estes. Fairchild. Roemer. Rogers. Fisher. Fly. Russell. Hardey. Sackett. Sentell. Harris. Schlosshan. Hawkins. Scholl. Holland. Seawright. Hudspeth. Johnson. Sholars. Smith of Bastrop. Laas. Spencer of Nolan. Spradley.
Stewart.
Swope.
Templeton.
Terrell.
Thomas.
Thomason
of El Paso.
Thomason
of Nacogdoches.
Thompson
of Hunt.
Thompson
of Red River.

Tilson.
Trayler.
Tschoepe.
Upchurch.
Valentine.
Veatch.
Walker.
White.
Williams
of Brazoria.
Williford.
Woods.
Woodul.
Yantis.

#### Absent.

Bagby. Blackburn. Bledsoe. Bryan. Bryant. Carlock. Clark. Davis of Grimes. De Bogory. Florer. Greenwood. Haidusek. Hartman. Hill. Jones. Lowe of McMullen.

Mendell. Miller of Austin. Monday. Moore. Peddy. Reeves. Sallas. Schlesinger. Smith of Hopkins. Smith of Scurry. Spencer of Wise. Strayhorn. Taylor. Tillotson. Williams of McLennan. Wilson.

Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Martin. Robertson. Tinner. Wahrmund.

HOUSE BILL NO. 673 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

II. B. No. 673, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Skidmore Independent School District, known as Common School District No. 1, in Bee county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

## Yeas-103.

Mr. Speaker.
Baker.
Beard of Harris.
Beard of Milam.
Beason.
Bedell.
Bell.
Bertram.

Blackmon.

Blalock.
Bland.
Bledsoe.
Boner.
Brown.
Burton of Rusk.
Burton of Tarrant.
Butler.
Cadenhead.

Canales. Cates. Cope. Cox. Crudgington. Davis of Dallas. Davis of Van Zandt. Denton. Dodd. Dudley. Dunnam. Estes. Fairchild. Fisher. Fly. Hardey. Harris. Hawkins. Holland. Hudspeth. Johnson. Laas. Lacey. Laney. Lange. Lanier. Lee. Lindemann. Low of Washington. McComb. McCoy. McDowra. McFarland. McMillin. Meador. Metcalfe. Miller of Dallas. Morris. Murrell. Neeley. Neill. Nichols. Nordhaus.

O'Brien. Osborne. Parks. Peyton. Pillow. Poage. Pope. Raiden. Richards. Roemer. Russell. Sackett. Sentell. Schlosshan. Scholl. Seawright. Sholars. Smith of Bastrop. Spencer of Nolan. Spradley. Stewart. Templeton. Terrell. Thomas. Thomason of El Paso. Thomason of Nacogdoches. Thompson of Hunt. Thompson of Red River. Tilson. Trayler. Tschoepe. Upchurch. Valentine. Veatch. Walker. White. Williams of Brazoria. Williford. Woods. Woodul. Yantis.

#### Absent.

Bagby. Beasley. Blackburn. Bryan. Bryant. Carlock. Clark. Davis of Grimes. De Bogory. Florer. Greenwood. Haidusek. Hartman. Hill. Jones. Lowe of McMullen. Mendell.

O'Banion.

Miller of Austin. Monday. Moore. Peddy. Reeves. Rogers. Sallas. Schlesinger. Smith of Hopkins. Smith of Scurry. Spencer of Wise. Strayhorn. Swope. Taylor. Tillotson. Williams of McLennan. Wilson.

#### Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Martin. Robertson. Tinner. Wahrmund.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 640 ON FINAL PASSAGE.

Mr. Templeton moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 640 was passed.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

The Speaker then laid the bill before the House, on its final passage.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-103.

Mr. Speaker. Lindemann. Baker. Low of Washington. Beard of Harris. McComb. Beard of Milam. McCoy. Beason. Bedell. McDowra. Bell. McFarland. Bertram. McMillin. Blackmon. Metcalfe. Miller of Dallas. Blalock. Bland. Moore. Bledsoe. Morris. Boner. Murrell. Neeley. Brown. Burton of Rusk. Neill. Burton of Tarrant. Nichols. Butler. Nordhaus. Cadenhead. O'Banion. O'Brien. Canales. Cates. Osborne. Cope. Parks. Cox. Peyton. Crudgington. Poage. Davis of Dallas. Pope. Davis Raiden. of Van Zandt. Reeves. Denton. Richards. Roemer. Dodd. Dudley. Russell. Estes. Sackett. Fairchild. Sentell. Fisher. Schlosshan. Fly. Scholl. Hardey. Seawright. Harris. Sholars. Hawkins. Smith of Bastrop. Holland. Spencer of Nolan. Hudspeth. Spradley. Johnson. Stewart. Swope Laas. Templeton. Lacey. Laney. Terrell. Lange. Thomas. Lanier. Thomason of El Paso. Lee.

Valentine. Thomason of Nacogdoches. Veatch. Thompson Walker. of Hunt. White. Thompson Williams of Red River. of Brazoria. Tilson. Williford. Trayler. Woods. Tschoepe. Woodul. Upchurch. Yantis.

## Absent.

Bagby. Meador. Beasley. Mendell. Blackburn. Miller of Austin. Monday. Bryan. Bryant. Peddy. Carlock. Pillow. Clark. Rogers. Davis of Grimes. Sallas. De Bogory. Schlesinger. Smith of Hopkins. Dunnam. Florer. Smith of Scurry. Greenwood. Spencer of Wise. Strayhorn. Haidusek. Hartman. Taylor. Hill. Tillotson. Jones. Williams Lowe of McLennan. of McMullen. Wilson.

#### Absent-Excused.

Fitzpatrick. Martin. Robertson. Tinner. Wahrmund.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 715 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 715, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Lampasas county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 716 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 716, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the present Runnels County Special Road Law in raising the salaries of the commissioners in said county, so that they may receive \$540 for their services for any one year, and raising the salaries for services upon the roads of said county, and prescribing the maximum that each county commissioner may receive while acting

as road commissioner of said county, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

### SENATE BILL NO. 308 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 308, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Post Independent School District, in Garza county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

## SENATE BILL NO. 322 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

a third reading,

S. B. No. 322, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Tilden Independent School District in McMullen county, Texas, and defining the boundaries; and to provide for the creating of a board of trustees thereof, and authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect special taxes, and conferring upon the board of trustees plenary powers and providing authority to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites and erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the same, and to levy a tax therefor, and to pay current expenses for the maintenance for support of said schools; providing for a board of equalization and prescribing the duty and authority of said board; repealing all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

## SENATE BILL NO. 325 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a

third reading,

S. B. No. 325, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 19, Section 1, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the First Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, changing the time of holding the terms of the district court in the Twenty-third Judicial District of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

## SENATE BILL NO. 235 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 235, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 23 Chapter 75, General Laws of Texas, creating Duval and other counties, approved February 1, 1858; and to amend Section 1, Chapter 73, General Laws of Texas, creating Jim Hogg county, approved March 31, 1913, the purpose of this act being to change the boundary line between Duval and Jim Hogg counties, and de-claring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

## SENATE BILL NO. 200 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 290, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of an act creating the Jourdanton Independent School District in Atascosa county, Texas, being Chapter 79 of the Acts of the Thirtysecond Legislature of Texas, increasing the territory of said district; to amend Section 8 of said act providing for the appointment of an assessor and collector of said district; to amend Section 23 of said act, providing for the appointment of a board of equalization, and prescribing its powers and duties; to amend Section 24 of said act regulating the time of payment of taxes, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was

passed to a third reading.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 638 ON SECOND · READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 638, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the First Judicial District, to be composed of the counties of San Augustine, Sabine, Newton, Jasper and Orange; fixing the time for holding court therein, and after July 1, 1917, continuing the times of holding court therein as now provided by law until July 1, 1917; to validate process, bonds; recognizances heretofore

issued or taken in the courts of said district, and to preserve and validate all judgments rendered or to be rendered in the courts in said district prior to July 1, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was

passed to engrossment.

. (Mr. Spradley in the chair.)

SENATE BILL NO. 303 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third

reading,

S. B. No. 303, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 15, Chapter 4, of the Local and Special Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature," etc.

The bill was read second time.

Mr. McMillin offered the following

amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 303 by striking out the words "the collector shall receive \$1100" and insert instead "the collector shall receive \$400."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. McMillin offered the following

amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 303 by striking out the remainder of Section 1 after the word "whatsoever" in the third line from last of said Section 1.

The amendment was adopted.

Senate bill No. 303 was then passed to a third reading.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

· On motion of Mr. Moore, the House, at 9:15 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

## APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COM-MERCE AND MANUFACTURES.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Your Committee on Commerce Sir: and Manufactures, to whom was referred House bill No. 101, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not

FLY, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTIES.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Counties, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 160, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

HARDEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Counties, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 235, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments. HARDEY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDI-CIAL DISTRICTS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House

of Representatives.

of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 216, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.
TEMPLETON, Chairman.

REPORTS OF JUDICIARY COM-MITTEE.

Committee Room Austin, Texas, February 16, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 595, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. O'Banion has been appointed to make a full report

thereon WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to

whom was referred House bill No. 695, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass. Mr. Woods gave notice of a minority report.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRIVI-LEGES, SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 161, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

CLARK, Chairman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUB-LIC HEALTH.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House bill No. 692, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Beason has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

DAVIS of Grimes, Chairman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUVE NILE REFORMS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Your Committee on Juvenile Reforms, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 379, have had the same under consideration and I (am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments.

FLORER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RE-FORMS IN CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 520, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Williford has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EN-GROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 157, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the commissioners court to publish notice of the time and place of the letting of any contract calling for or requiring the expenditure of five hundred dollars or more, of submitting same to competitive bids, and of publishing notice of the proposed letting of such contract, and providing that contracts made in violation of this act shall not be enforced and may be enjoined."

H. B. No. 151, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make fraudulent advertising a penal offense, and prescribing a penalty, and making each day the same is committed a separate offense."

H. B. No. 498, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of the State home for dependent and neglected children, to locate the same, and provide for its control and management, making appropriation for such purposes, and declar-ing an emergency."

H. B. No. 502, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Article 421 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas; to further define 'barratry' so as to include the fomenting of litigation for profit and by persons in addition to attorneys at law by soliciting employment or advancing money or other things of value to the parties to litigation in

order to procure employment."

H. B. No. 72, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and government of a State normal college to be located at Corpus Christi, Nueces county, Texas, and to be known as the South Texas State Normal College, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 176, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that all persons and warehousemen in this State, whether Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in public or private, incorporated or unin-

corporated, who store cotton for hire in yards or other places not under shelter, but exposed to the weather, and in such a manner that the same shall come in contact with the soil, as well as exposed to the weather, and all public weighers who store cotton for hire in like manner, shall, in addition to all other liability, be responsible for all damages to cotton stored with them exposed as aforesaid, which may arise from such exposure or contact with the soil, and this regard-less of the fact that the owner of the cotton may have actual knowledge and agreed orally, or in writing, as to the manner or place of storage, or agreed to waive all damage incident to such exposure; abolishing all defenses based upon any such knowledge, agreement or waiver; prescribing that all persons and corporations and public weighers who store cotton in the manner aforesaid, to be approved by the Board of Warehouse Supervisors; prescribing the terms and conditions of the bond and the amount thereof, creating offenses in violation of this act, and declaring an emergency."
H. B. No. 537, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Article 511 of the Revised Criminal Statutes, 1911, relating to the interference with dead bodies, and defining the conditions under which dead bodies may be disinterred, and de-

claring an emergency."

H. B. No. 369, A bill to be entitled "An Act to impose a per capita tax of one dollar and fifty cents on each and every dog in the State of Texas, fifty cents of which shall go to the State Highway Commission of Texas to support said department, and one dollar shall go to the road and bridge fund of each county, and shall be apportioned to each precinct where the owner of the dog resides,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. RUSSELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have carefully examined and com-

pared

H. B. No. 375, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2811, Chapter 14, Title 48, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, empowering the trustees of any · school district upon petition of parents or guardians to require said trustees to establish and maintain free kindergarten for the training of children between the ages of five and seven years, and to pro-

H. B. No. 135, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2939, Chapter 4, Title 49, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, and to regulate elections, and prescribing certain qualifications of voters thereat, and

declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 365, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit S. S. Perry of Brazoria county, Texas, to bring suit against the State of Texas for an alleged damage growing out of an alleged breach of contract entered into by and between the said S. S. Perry and the Board of Prison Commissioners, September 20, 1911.'

H. B. No. 564, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Ralls Independent School District in Crosby county, Texas, etc., and declar-

ing an emergency."
H. B. No. 549, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent unnecessary cruelty in catching or killing of wild animals and to prevent live stock and other domestic animals from injury, and to prevent the extermination of wild animals usually hunted for sport, and to forbid the setting of any trap, snare or device for taking, snaring, trapping or catching of same, and to prevent the taking, catching, killing or trapping of such animals, and to provide a punishment for so doing."

H. B. No. 31, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the county court of El Paso county for civil cases, to fix and prescribe the jurisdiction thereof, and to conform to such change in the jurisdiction of the county court of El Paso county, fixing the salaries of the judges of the county court of El Paso county and of the county court of El Paso county for civil cases; providing for the appointment and election of the judges of said court hereby created; providing for the appointment of special judges and filling of vacancies in said office, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 603, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Post Independent School District, in Garza county, Texas, etc., and declar-

ing an emergency."

H. B. No. 654, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Angelina county; creating a highway commission, defining its duties, providing for the qualification and election of the members of the same, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. J. R. No. 31, Proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas State of Texas, fixing the date for the election to be held hereunder and making an appropriation to pay expenses of said election.

H. B. No. 620, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Tilden Independent School District in McMullen county, Texas, and defining its boundaries, etc.,

and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 609, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district to be known as the Woden Independent School District in Nacogdoches county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

And find them correctly engrossed. DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and com-

H. B. No. 115, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 5 of an act entitled 'An Act to create a State Bonded Warehouse System, and to afford a method of co-operative marketing for those engaged in the production of farm and ranch products and for the purpose of effectuating this end and creating a Board of Supervisors of Warehouses; defining the authority of said board and giving it power of visitation over the 'corporations chartered under this act, etc.,' and declaring an emergency."
H. B. No. 246, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Section 5 of House bill No. 25, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at the Regular Session, 1913, and approved April 7, 1913, relating to prorating the appropriation for Confederate pensions among the pensioners."

H. B. No. 149, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 126, Chapter J, Article 7355, Section 9, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, on the question of taxation."

H. B. No. 591, A bill to be entitled "An Act to transfer to the board of county school trustees all rights and powers pertaining to the public free schools that have heretofore been vested in the county commissioners court; and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith.

H. B. No. 73, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring it the duty of the owner entitled to the beneficial use, Bills, to whom was referred rental or control of, or in case of a non-resident, the occupant, lessee, of any Common County Line School District

building, three or more stories in height, constructed, used or intended to be used, as a hospital, seminary, college, academy, school house, dormitory, hotel, lodging house, apartment house, rooming house, boarding house, theater, or any place of public amusement, lodge, hotel, or any hall used for public gatherings or any manufacturing establishment or industrial plant, wholesale or retail store, workshop, warehouse, office building and any building, erected by any municipal, county or State authority, wherein public assemblies are permitted, or sleeping apartments are provided on any floor above the second to erect and fix to every such building one or more adequate fire escapes; defining an adequate fire escape; as required by this act, providing for the promulgation of specifications for each type of fire escape permitted by the terms hereof by the fire marshal of the State Fire Insurance Commission; and making it the duty of said fire marshal to enforce the provisions of the act with the assistance of fire chiefs and city fire marshals, as required by this act; providing how notice shall be given to any owner, occupant, or lessee to erect fire escapes; providing remedies and penalties with regard to the enforcement thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

And find them correctly engrossed. DENTON, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EN-ROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir:, Your Committee on Enrolled

Bills, to whom was referred H. B. No. 495, "An Act creating the Kirbyville Independent School District in Jasper county, Texas, etc., and de-

claring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:47 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval. McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled

No. 14, lying in Comanche and Eastland counties, under the control of Co- day, at 10:47 o'clock a. m., presented manche county, and to validate the con- same to the Governor for his approval. land counties, under the control of Cosolidation of what was heretofore Common School District No. 14 of Comanche with Common County Line county School District No. 67, lying in Comanche and Eastland counties, and declaring an emergency,

Have 'carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:47 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled

Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 412, "An Act creating the Jefferson Independent School District, in Marion county, Texas, providing for a board of trustees in said independent school district, and conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of this State upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; to provide for the creation of a board of trustees for the raising of revenue, issuing bonds, building and maintaining schoolhouses, maintaining public free schools, declaring valid an issue of bonds heretofore made, declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore voted, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:47 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Your Committee on Enrolled Sir:

Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 358, "An Act to establish the Pampa Independent School District with certain boundaries, including the town of Pampa, Gray county, Texas, with all the powers and privileges of independent school districts, to manage and control the public schools of the same, to elect trustees therefor, to levy and collect taxes for the maintenance of said schools, to issue bonds, and declaring an emergency,"

find it correctly enrolled, and have this McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled

Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 602, "An Act creating the Buna Independent School . District known as Common School District No. 13, in Jasper county, Texas, and defining its boundaries, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:47 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 366, "An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 36, page 359, of Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, approved March 15, 1909, entitled 'An Act to validate the Wichita Falls Independent School District,' and for other purposes, by repealing the last clause of Section 10 of said act, which limits the powers and discretion of the board of equalization of said independent school district in the performance of its du-ties, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:47 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval. McCOY, Chairman.

> Committee Rcom, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled

Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 469, "An Act to establish Common School District No. 4 in San Patricio county, Texas; extending its boundaries so as to include certain lands hertofore in Common School District No. 1 of said county; providing that such parts of Common School District No. 1 of San Patricio county as may hereafter be included in Common School District No. 4 shall continue to be subject to tax-Have carefully compared same, and ation for the payment of principal and

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interest of any common school district schoolhouse bonds that may have heretofore been issued by Common School District No. 1, and remaining unpaid; conferring upon the board of county trustees the power to subdivide said district, and declaring an emergency,

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:47 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval. McCOY, Chairman.

> Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 574, "An Act to amend Section 2 of an act creating the Jour-danton Independent School District in Atascosa county, Texas, being Chapter 79 of the Thirty-second Legislature of Texas, increasing the territory of said district; to amend Section 8 of said act, providing for the appointment of an assessor and collector for said district; to amend Section 23 of said act providing for the appointment of a board of equalization and prescribing its powers and duties; to amend Section 24 of said act regulating the time of payment of taxes, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:47 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval. McCOY, Chairman.

## THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

(Thursday, February 22, 1917.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Bagby. Bledsoe. .. Baker. Boner. Beard of Milam. Brown. Bryan. Beasley. Beason. Bryant. Burton of Rusk. Bedell. Bell. Burton of Tarrant. Bertram. Butler. Blackburn. Cadenhead. Blackmon. Canales. Blalock. Carlock. Bland. Cates.

Clark. Cope. Cox. Crudgington. Davis of Dallas. Davis of Grimes. Davis of Van Zandt. Denton. Dodd. . Dudley. Dunnam. Estes. Fairchild. Fisher. Florer. Fly. Greenwood. Haidusek. Hardey. Harris. Hartman. Hawkins. Hill. Holland. Hudspeth. Johnson. Jones. Laas. Laney. Lange. Lanier. Lee. Lindemann. Lowe of McMullen. of Washington. McComb. McCoy. McDowra. McFarland. McMillin. Meador: Mendell. Metcalfe. Miller of Austin. Miller of Dallas. Moore. Morris. Murrell. Neeley. Neill. Nichols. Nordhaus. O'Banion. O'Brien.

Parks. Peddy. Peyton. Pillow. Poage. Pope. Raiden. Reeves. Richards: Roemer. Russell. Sackett. Sallas. Sentell. Schlesinger. Schlosshan. Scholl. Seawright. Sholars. Smith of Bastrop. Smith of Hopkins. Smith of Scurry. Spencer of Nolan. Spencer of Wise. Spradley. Stewart. Swope. Taylor. Templeton. Terrell. Thomas. Thomason of El Paso. Thomason of Nacogdoches. Thompson of Hunt. Thompson of Red River. Tillotson. Tilson. Trayler. Tschoepe. Upchurch. Valentine. Veatch. Walker. White. Williams of Brazoria. Williams of McLennan. Williford. Wilson. Woods. Woodul. Yantis. Rogers.

Absent.

Beard of Harris. Monday.

Absent-Excused.

DeBogory. Fitzpatrick Martin.

Robertson. Tinner.

Wahrmund.

Strayhorn.